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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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A Catholic President?

What Your Vote for a Roman Catholic For President May Do

By Missionary Don W. Hillis
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Dr. Glenn L. Archer has made the following astute observation which deserves nation-wide circulation. Furthermore it sets the stage for the ensuing pages:

"The Constitution of the United States protects the right of any Roman Catholic, Jew, Protestant or non-churchman to run for public office. But to say there is no religious test for public office does not mean that a candidate may never be asked how his religion may bear on his conduct in office. It is not bigotry to raise such questions; it is bigotry to deny the right to raise them.

Questions for Presidential Candidates

"There are a number of church-related questions which ought to be addressed to Presidential candidates. Some of them are:

"1. What is your stand on use of public taxes for sectarian teaching and institutions? Do you support the American tradition ... that no man should be required to pay for another man's religion?"

"2. Would you now or at any future time appoint an ambassador or personal representative to the Vatican? Is there any obligation you have to your church which might embarrass you on this issue?"

"3. Do you believe in the American free public school system? Or, do you accept as authoritative Canon Law 1374 which orders Roman Catholic parents to boycott the public schools except in instances where their bishop is willing to make an exception?"

"4. Do you stand for the separation of church and state ... as

a principle assuring the liberty of all our churches and a government free of clerical control?"

"5. Are you a free man, free to make your decisions impartially, free to read any book or newspaper, to attend any church, ... to enforce every law — even those which may conflict with sectarian doctrine, canon law and mediaeval disciplines?"

"When is it time for this country to have a President who will use his office to aid his church?"

Communists and criminals avoid answering questions by appealing to the Fifth Amendment. May the day never come when a Presidential nominee will refuse to frankly

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Missionary Don Hillis

The Way of Salvation

By Dwight L. Moody

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."
—Acts 16:31.

If I say to you, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ," you will reply, "Oh, 'believe'! I have heard that word till I am sick and tired of it. Scarcely a week but I hear it in the church, or at a prayer meeting or at some meeting." You have all heard it over and over again; I don't suppose there is a child over five years of age but can repeat that text. What you want is to know *how* to believe—what it is to believe.

Some of you say, "We all believe that Christ came into the world to seek and to save the lost; and that he that believeth shall be saved." But the devils believe, and are not saved. Ay, they believe and tremble! You must believe *on* the Lord Jesus Christ, and not merely *about* Him, and then you will know what salvation is.

To Believe on Christ Means to Receive Him

We will take another word which means the same thing; perhaps you'll get hold of it better: "He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." Bear in mind, "received him." That's it, not receiving a doctrine or a belief, but receiving Him. It is a person we must receive.

Now, my experience is that we all want to have the power be-

fore we receive Christ. That is, we want to feel we are in Christ before we will receive Him. But we cannot love God and feel His presence until we have received Him into our hearts. It is just like a boy with a ball; he throws it to you. You must catch it before you throw it back again. That is the real meaning of "believe"—it is "receive"—receive Christ as yours. I don't know any verse in the Bible that God has blessed to more souls than John 1:12. "To as many as received him, to them gave he power."

I don't know any better illustration I could have than matrimony for every other one doesn't hold good in some points; but I think that is one of the best I could use. Some of you smile at this illustration, but the Bible uses it, and if God uses it in His Word, why should not I? In the Old Testament He uses it—"I am married unto you" (Jer. 3:14). Jesus Himself uses it when He speaks

of the bride in John 3:29. Paul uses it in his Epistles, as in Romans 7:4, as an illustration of the union between Christ and His church.

Now, it is an illustration you can all understand; there is no one here but knows what it means. When a man offers himself, the woman must do either of two things—either receive or reject him. So every soul must do one of these two things—"receive" or "reject" Christ. If you receive Him, that is all you have to do; He has promised power.

You know that Abraham sent his servant Eliezer a long journey

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D. L. Moody

Healing

By Evangelist John R. Rice

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(MECHANICALLY RECORDED FOR THE SWORD OF THE LORD AS PREACHED AT CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, WHEATON, ILLINOIS, JANUARY 10, 1960.)

See the Scripture on the right. In the preceding verses in the same chapter is an exhortation about the Second Coming, in verses 7 and 8.

"Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh."

It is quite evident that this Scripture is intended to last on until the Second Coming. Don't let anybody say that the teaching here was just for Jews. Don't let anybody say that that what was taught here was for the apostolic age. This is for the church of Jesus Christ, and for the saints of God down until the coming of the Saviour.

I could say the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. I do not know how nigh, but I know Jesus is

coming. And in view of the Second Coming the Lord gives a wonderful teaching here about healing.

There has been much false teaching about healing, and there is very great need for some correction of false doctrine and false practice on healing, but we ought not to throw out the baby with the bath water. And we ought not to give away a great doctrine because somebody else has mistreated and abused this doctrine.

Here we have a wonderful explanation summed up in a few

READ THIS SCRIPTURE

"Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience. Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord: that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy. Is there any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church: and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit."—James 5:10, 11, 13-18.

short verses, of the Bible doctrine of sin, sickness, and healing.

Sickness Is an Inevitable Portion of Fallen Humanity

Will you, first of all, notice that the Scripture teaches that affliction and sickness is the lot of the human race. See verses 10 and 11:

"Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience. Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have

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Share Your Blessings

By Evangelist Walt Handford, Assistant Editor

In II Kings 7 we read the story of the siege of Samaria by Ben-hadad and his Syrian host. The whole city was starving and four lepers, locked out of the city because of their dread disease, made a decision. They said, "Why do we sit here starving to death? Let's go to the Syrian camp and see if they will give us food. The worst they can do is kill us and we will die here anyhow. We have everything to gain and nothing to lose."

Imagine their surprise when the lepers found the Syrian host had been scared away by a miracle of God and in their flight had left their food and possessions behind.

Eagerly the lepers ate their fill of the food, gorging themselves till they could hold no more. They then began to gather systematically the silver and gold and hide it.

Suddenly one said, "We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household," (vs. 9).

When they convinced the king it was no trap, everyone in Samaria ran out to the Syrian camp and ate their first good meal in months. My, just imagine the rejoicing of this people who were saved from awful death by starvation! Salvation had come just in a nick of time.

There is a wonderful spiritual lesson for each of us in this story. You and I were lost until someone came and told us about Christ and salvation. Happily we took this wonderful message of salvation and received eternal life. But like the lepers, we must realize that today is a day of good tidings and we must get this message out to as many others as possible so that they, too, can be saved. How tragic it is that the majority

of Christians never win anybody to the Lord and feel no spiritual responsibility to those around them. The Scripture clearly teaches that it is wrong not to share blessings. And it is especially wrong not to share spiritual blessings with others who need help. If God has been good to you in sending some spiritual blessing your way, you ought to share it with those around you.

Share the Blessings of THE SWORD

THE SWORD OF THE LORD has been coming to you for some time. You have been receiving the weekly spiritual blessings through the greatest preachers of all time through its pages. You have had from week to week the solid Bible teaching on the defense of the faith and other great scriptural doctrines. Yours has been the op-

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Rev. Walter Handford



Giant Dollar Sale Closes April 4

We rejoice in the way many are taking advantage of the great savings in the giant dollar sale. We intentionally made it so people could combine together, and get the most unusual reductions on books. For example, the very popular books, *Prayer—Asking and Receiving*; *Home: Courtship, Marriage and Children*; *The Power of Pentecost*; *The King of the Jews* (commentary on Matthew), and many others by this plan may be bought—the first copy at the regular price, and the second copy ordered at the same time, for only \$1.00! There are other special prices as you will notice on the giant dollar-sale coupon in this issue, page 11.

We hope that thousands of friends will take advantage of this offer and buy the books for graduation and birthday and wedding anniversary presents, buy books for your Sunday School library, or combine the order of two families together, and get books at this special reduction. What a real sale when you can get two of the books, *Prayer—Asking and Receiving*, for \$2.00 each instead of \$3.00, or two of the big *King of the Jews*, commentary on Matthew, for only \$2.75 each instead of \$4.50 each! And note the other tremendous savings of this sale.

You had better order now. This sale must close, we believe, April 4. Get your order in the mail and postmarked not later than April 4. Address THE SWORD OF THE LORD, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois.

No, we cannot change the terms of the sale. Please do not ask us to go to extra trouble or expense. These are tremendous opportunities just as they are.

Happy Times in Texas

On Sunday, February 28, we closed eight days of revival services at the Wildwood Baptist Church, Mesquite, Texas, with Brother J. E. Hopkins, pastor. Jim Ponder conducted the music for the campaign. Although the sermons from the first Sunday night through Friday were all to Christians, we had somebody coming forward at the invitation in every night but two. Many family altars were established, a good many Christians set out to win souls, and some did win souls in the home. In the Saturday night service chairs were needed in the aisle and there were about fifteen or twenty preachers present. The closing Sunday morning there

Berkeley Version of the Holy Bible

The Virtues and Faults of this New Translation in Modern English. A Scholarly Critical Review

By Evangelist Robert L. Sumner
Contributing Editor

(HOLY BIBLE: THE BERKELEY VERSION IN MODERN ENGLISH, ZONDERVAN PUBLISHING HOUSE, GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, \$7.95.)

This is a brand new translation—not a revision—of the Bible into modern English. The Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Gerrit Verkuyl, did all the work on the New Testament section and it was published first in separate form back in 1945. For the Old Testament, a committee of nineteen other Hebraic scholars joined Dr. Verkuyl in translating various sections and a number of others rendered critical advice and assistance.

In the main, this is a scholarly, trustworthy, valuable contribution to the evangelical religious world. The translation is profuse in foot-

were twelve or fifteen forward, many conversions and the manifest presence of the Holy Spirit as the invitation was continued for some forty minutes.

On Sunday Mrs. Rice took a bus up to Gainesville and Muenster to visit brothers and other relatives. Sunday night after the services we drove some ninety miles to meet her in Gainesville where we spent the night. And then drove for home Monday, arriving at 11:10 Tuesday morning.

South Texas Friends Hear Us At Radio KCTA 1:00 Sunday

On March 6 the "Voice of Revival" broadcast added the 50,000-watt Radio Station KCTA at Corpus Christi, 1030 on the dial, and the nation-wide broadcast is aired there at 1:00 p. m. each Sunday. We are anxious for all of our friends in South and East Texas to listen in each Sunday at 1:00 for this half-hour broadcast of music and gospel preaching. Will you please write and tell us how the program comes in, all you friends in the Beaumont—Houston—Corpus Christi—Brownsville—San Antonio—Waco area?

The heavy radio expense will not be hard if those who listen in and pray for the broadcast will send an offering regularly. This is missionary work, as unselfish and as fruitful as any we know. Surely God has people who are still concerned about getting the Gospel out to every creature, who will help us reach the multitudes! Will our South and East Texas friends listen in and pray and write us, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois?

notes, money is always given in terms of modern value, dates are placed in the text, numbers are usually given in Arabic numerals, the text is in paragraph form, the poetic sections are presented in verse, and many other features will appeal greatly to the average reader.

Good Features of This New Version

The treatment of deity in the Berkeley Version is excellent. All pronouns referring to God are capitalized. Jesus Christ is treated with the same respect and reverence as Jehovah, *always*. For example, the Berkeley translation of Romans 9:5, a sore spot in the Revised Standard Version, is, "Theirs are the fathers, and from them in human lineage sprang the Christ, He who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen."

Isaiah 7:14, another battleground in the RSV controversy, is translated, "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and shall bear a son and shall call His name Immanuel." And a footnote at the verse adds weight to the translation, stating, "The Hebrew term 'almah' is also applied to Miriam at about 14 (Ex. 2:8); and to Rebekah, whose virginity is affirmed (Gen. 24:16). The Greek translation made before Christ, has *parthenos*, usually rendered 'virgin.'" Another Old Testament reference to the virgin birth (Jer. 31:22), obscured in the RSV, is preserved in the Berkeley Version, although a footnote here unfortunately distracts from the reference.

The "saint" is dropped from the titles of the four Gospels and they are introduced simply as "The Gospel According to Matthew," etc. It is also refreshing to note that the last book in the Bible is titled properly, "The Revelation of Jesus Christ," instead of "The Revelation of St. John the Divine," as in the Authorized Version. And while the disputed passage in John 7:53 through 8:11 is placed in parenthesis, indicating doubtful authenticity, a footnote says, "Although 7:53-8:11 is not in older found manuscripts, the incident has such a Christlike ring to it, the omission of it would be a great loss. We accept it as a true report."

One of the delightful features of the translation is the modern English and its smooth readability. Readers will find Esau begging to "guzzle" some of Jacob's "stew" (Gen. 25:30), God's blind watchmen seeking to "guzzle" strong drink (Isa. 56:12), Job refusing to "ogle at a girl" (Job 31:1), but Joseph getting in trouble because "his master's wife ogled" him (Gen. 39:7).

This version refers to the "jubilated" (Lev. 9:24), those "loaded with loot" (Dan. 11:28) and who "load themselves with sin" (Lev. 22:9), "certain good-for-nothing, ne'er-do-wells" (II Chron. 13:7), those who "wither and fade like the marshmallow" (Job 24:24), some who "twitted" (Matt. 27:41) and "hooted" (Acts 22:24), those whose "knees knock against each other" (Dan. 5:6), those who "comfort with hot air" (Zech. 10:2), and those who "look so woebegone" (Gen. 40:7). It speaks of those who "claiming to be smart, they played the fool" (Rom. 1:22), of "the world's low-born and contemptibles and nobodies" (I Cor. 1:28), of the "self-opinionated" and of "partial obtuseness" (Rom. 11:25). Paul speaks of setting "aside the keenness of the sagacious" (I Cor. 1:19) and explains "I do not want to leave you in the dark" (I Cor. 12:1).

Other examples of modern Eng-

INCIDENTS

And Illustrations

By
Evangelist Robert L. Sumner
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Once to Every Man . . .

One of the most solemn statements in the Bible is recorded in Hebrews 9:27: "... it is appointed unto man once to die . . ." The Grim Reaper is no respecter of persons, and presidents, kings, dictators, celebrities and billionaires are on an absolute equality with paupers, panhandlers, bartenders, bootleggers and other down-and-outers.

Some months ago, while on a Latin American tour, the glamorous movie queen, Marlene Dietrich, was asked the question at a press conference, "What do you fear most?"

The most publicized grandmother in the world replied in one word: "Death!"

Yet Miss Dietrich, Hollywood celebrity that she is, has an appointment with death that may take place at any moment. The past year gives mute evidence of this truth since many of Hollywood's biggest names kept their appointment with the Death Angel in 1959.

Wayne Morris was one of them. When his doctor warned him that "he would have to cut down on eating and drinking and do more exercise" or expect a heart attack, he replied: "If I drop dead, I drop dead." Within six months he dropped dead!

Three days earlier, Paul Douglas, who had five or six wives—the exact count slips me at the moment—kept his appointment with death. Douglas was only 52 years old, but Morris, at 45, was even younger.

Errol Flynn, called by the press "Hollywood's most famous libertine," left this life very suddenly to meet the God in whose face he had laughed for nearly half a century. Other "big names" who died in 1959 included Ethel Barrymore, Cecil B. DeMille, Victor McLaglen, Edmund Gwenn, Lou Costello, Kay Kendall, Preston Sturges, Mario Lanza and Charles Vidor. In addition, George Reeves, better known as Superman, killed himself, and Carl (Alfalfa) Switzer was murdered during an argument.

While on the subject of death, although it took place well over a year ago, I had a clipping on hand that I had planned for some time to use. It had to do with one of the four husbands "owned" by Elizabeth Taylor during the last decade. Mike Todd, a man who got his start running "back alley" crap games on the West Side of Chicago. At the time of his sudden death in a plane accident, the vice-president of Todd's vast theatrical empire, William Doll, said: "But he never talked about dying. He wasn't the kind who thought about death. He was too busy living." What a tragedy!

Are you too busy living to think of and prepare for dying?

Then you are "too busy!"

"Modernism is atheism in early stages."

Uncle Sam's Big Fish

The *George Washington*, a tremendous nuclear-powered super-sub, was commissioned at Groton, Connecticut, the other day. This amazing submarine can do thirty knots while submerged, stay under water for weeks with a large crew

lish, some of it bordering on slang, found in this translation are as follows:

"... leave at once: do not dally" (II Kings 9:3).

"... as for all his foes, he sniffs at them" (Psa. 10:5).

"You are raving!" (Acts 12:15).

"... discarded like a worn-out utensil" (Psa. 31:12).

"The daughter of Zion is left behind like a shanty in a vineyard, like a shack in the cucumber patch . . ." (Isa. 1:8).

"... hear the sneer of the nations" (Ezek. 36:15).

"... godless men strut around . . . baseness is given a high rating" (Psa. 12:8).

of men, and fire sixteen Polaris missiles with a range of twelve hundred miles from an underwater position.

Yet some skeptics still sneer at the biblical declaration that God put one man, Jonah, in a submarine He Himself especially prepared for the underwater cruise, and preserved him for three days and three nights so that he emerged without any harmful effects whatsoever.

What blind fools some mortals be!

A Right Start

How smart is the average American?

That all depends on what is meant by "smart," of course, but if by intelligence you are thinking of education, we are not very wise! Did you know that the average schooling of today's American runs to only 10.8 years and even by 1980 it is expected to be a mere 12 years? At the present time, only 7.3 per cent of our population twenty years and over are college graduates. Not only so, but approximately only four out of every ten who are 15 years and over are high school graduates.

Fortunately, the trend is toward more and more education, and while America had but 38 million high school graduates in 1950 and has only 52 million at the present time, by 1970 there will be 70 million scattered throughout our land.

Yet one must not forget that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge" (Prov. 1:7), and the ones who are described with the words, "they hated knowledge" are those who "did not choose the fear of the Lord" (Prov. 1:29).

The average American makes certain that his children attend school faithfully. It doesn't make any difference whether junior wants to go to school or not, he goes! Yet literally hundreds of parents have told me they did not want to force their children to attend Sunday School against their will, saying that they felt it would do more harm than good. If they failed to show more intelligence than that about secular education, the public schools would fold up and our nation would deteriorate into a conglomeration of illiterates within two generations!

Yet which is more important, a secular education or a spiritual one? According to the above quoted Word of God, education has not even begun which ignores God and the Bible. The man with an earned Ph. D. stands, in comparison, as an ignoramus if he has neglected the study of the sacred Scriptures. As ex-President of the United States, Teddy Roosevelt, expressed it: "If a man is not familiar with the Bible, he has suffered a loss which he had better make all possible haste to correct." And Robert E. Lee, the South's most honored statesman, said: "The Bible is a Book, in comparison with which all others in my eyes are of minor importance . . ."

I do not want any reader to misconstrue the purpose of these remarks as being an appeal for parents to send their children to Sunday School. I mean them as a blunt directive: take your children to Sunday School and church!

Evangelist Sumner can be seen and heard!

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"Girlie—I tell you,—rise!" (Mark 5:41).

Most of the footnotes in this translation are reliable and some of them are outstanding. For example, in Leviticus 15:27, relative to ceremonial laws about physical uncleanness, a footnote says: "The Hebrews were blessed with distinct revelations from God, the Holy One, whom alone they were to worship. Moral impurity separates the worshiper from the Lord. Physical impurity is not sin, but neither does it come in the category of holiness; it is typical of sin. The worshiper must never forget with whom he has to do; (Continued on page 6)

Kids KORNER

By Aunt Mary

Dearest Nieces and Nephews:

Some of you who read *Kid's Korner* are making a special effort to live for the Lord Jesus, following our suggestions. We are sending out free copies of the little booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" as the requests come in, some from boys and girls who are not saved and want to be, some to children who want to give them to friends and teachers. Remember, you may have a free copy of this little book by Dr. Rice, our editor, if you write and ask for it. Be sure to promise to read it yourself or to give it to a friend who will read it.

Sylvia Dodd wrote a nice letter telling us she is renewing her pledge to read the Bible every day. She said some days she had not read her chapter, but that she would begin again to make that her habit. Sylvia, who lives in Keystone Heights, Florida, is enrolled in a Bible memorizing program which helps her to grow in grace. And though she is only eleven, this winter at a Bible Conference she dedicated her life to the Lord Jesus. She plans to be a missionary if God leads her that way. And Sylvia shows her love for her Saviour by showing her concern for a friend. If you want others saved, that is a pretty good sign you are really converted, isn't it?

Charlene Mullins in Grundy, Virginia, who is nine years old, wrote asking for the booklet we promised. She tells me that she has already trusted Christ as Saviour and that He has done much for her since she was saved.

You know, all of you, by reading over the verses given and by reading over the explanations in the booklet "What Must I Do to Be

Saved?" may be helped to be sure of salvation, sure of going to Heaven if you should die, or if Jesus should come back for us today. If you have been saved before, this message will help make you sure. If you have not been saved, here is the answer to all your questions, and instructions you need on how to trust Jesus. You may want to let your Sunday School teacher or another friend read the booklet.

Have you been feeling specially happy this week remembering our verse, "The joy of the Lord is your strength"? I hope you have learned the verse and enjoyed it.

And how is your memorizing of Matthew chapter 28 coming along? Easter will be here before you know it, and I can't think of a nicer way to celebrate the Lord Jesus' rising from the dead than by learning "by heart" the story of it. I know you will be very happy as you work on it.

And now, this week, for those who have not yet begun on the whole chapter, Matthew 28, let's make the last part of it the memory work for every child. These verses we call the *Great Commission*.

Memory work: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. (Matt. 28: 19, 20).

Lovingly,
Aunt Mary

Now be sure to read our chapter from *Bird Life in Wington*.

Setting the Right Example



Mr. Woodpecker was working on his new house.

If you were to ask me what was the worst thing about Mr. Woodpecker's profanity, I would say it was the fact that he no longer worried about it. So long as a bird is sorry for doing wrong, and tries to do better after each mistake, there is hope for him.

But so many birds nowadays, it seems, not only use profanity, but are not sorry for it at all. They excuse themselves by saying they do not mean any harm by it, that they do not even think the words as they say them, and therefore there is really no harm done. But when one gets to the place of swearing without thinking, perhaps that is the worst stage of all!

And that was the stage to which Mr. Woodpecker had arrived. That red head of his—I do not know whether that had anything to do with his profanity or not. I have heard that red-heads and anger go together, but I doubt that, because I have noticed that profanity and hot tempers are by no means limited to red-heads!

What was it that cured Mr. Woodpecker? Well, one day while he was building his house in the trunk of a nice dead tree—he is a carpenter by trade, you know—he accidentally missed the hole he was drilling and hit his "finger," with the sharp point of his bill. Of course it hurt! It even brought

blood. And after that you should have heard what he said. Or rather, I am glad you did not!

He hopped down on the ground, and what time he was not sucking his hurt "finger," he was using words which all but made the grass wither. Then he soon forgot all about it. He did not ask God to forgive him, he was not even sorry—he did not think about it enough to be sorry. In fact, I suppose he would never have thought about it again had something not happened a few days later which reminded him in a way that he could never forget.

He was working on his house again and had just paused, after drilling a very hard hole, to catch his breath and to enjoy the nice cool breeze, when down on the ground at the foot of the tree he heard some terrible words coming from two shrill, high-pitched little voices. Looking down he saw his own little son Tom Woodpecker and Bill Robin, Mr. and Mrs. Robin's little bird. They had found a worm and were arguing about

Well, here we are for the third in the series of three trial Record Review columns. We are still looking for a card or letter from some of you. Will you take a moment to write us please and tell us whether you like the reviews and whether you would like to have the column continue to appear each month in the *Sword*. The decision as to whether to continue will be based largely upon the response (or lack of it) from readers. Cast your vote in the form of a post card or letter. Here's the address: Records, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois.

The official album of the WORD OF LIFE FELLOWSHIP, INC. is a bilingual demonstration by the talented staff headed by Jack Wyrzten. The work now has headquarters in the U.S.A. and Brazil. The album includes selections in English by the Word Of Life Quartet, the White Sisters Trio and soloist Ken Nanfelt. Members of the Brazil staff present a quartet and a trio singing in Portuguese. Don Wyrzten, son of the founder and director, is heard in a piano solo and an organ solo. Readers who are familiar with the nationwide Word of Life broadcast will be glad to have this interesting album. Seven bands on each side. WORD W-3096-LP

THE STORIES OF ETHEL BARRETT for the CHILDREN, Vol. 3, is the title of a new release produced on the Christian Faith label. It is a delightful collection of six stories... four adaptations of Bible stories and two others. The four youngsters at our house fell in love with this recording. It has great appeal. There is enough of the child in most of us that we enjoy a good story and the dramatic style high lighted by organ punctuation effects makes these stories live for young and old alike. We liked especially "The King Who Stopped Time" and "Elijah on Mount Carmel." Christian Faith Album EB-7077

A recent development in the field of sacred music is the **MUSIC FOR AMERICA** production, an extravaganza of Christian

who saw it first and who should have it, and were using some very, very ugly words. Mr. Woodpecker was shocked.

Well, he parachuted down there beside them in less time than it takes to tell it. He was blazing mad as he said, "What do you birdlings mean by talking like that? Where in the world did you learn such language anyway?"

Tom Woodpecker hung his head. He was either too ashamed or too afraid to answer. But Bill Robin finally said, "We were playing in the cherry tree a few days ago when you hurt your finger."

Then it was Mr. Woodpecker's turn to hang his head. He had not known that any one was listening that day. He now saw in a flash that what was wrong for little birds was just as wrong for him, and he said to himself, "Well, if the little birds of Wington are going to copy my language, I must set them a different example."

Then he did a very wonderful thing. He put one wing around each of the little birds and said, "It's all my fault. I am the one that ought to be punished. I am so very sorry and I promise you both that I will never use those bad words again, and I hope you will promise me the same thing."

Then, out there under the blue sky, where all was still and beautiful, they bowed their heads and quietly repeated the Third Commandment, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain." When they did that, God forgave them for what they had done, and they were all happy again. But, best of all, not one of the three has broken the Commandment since.

(From *BIRD LIFE IN WINGTON*, by Rev. J. Calvin Reid. The eleventh of thirty chapters to appear regularly in *THE SWORD OF THE LORD*. Read them to your children. You may get the full book for \$1.50, plus 15c postage, from *Sword of the Lord*, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois.)

Record Reviews

By Bud Lyles

Announcer and Assistant to Dr. Rice on Voice of Revival Broadcast

music performed by outstanding Christian artists, many of whom have at one time been in the entertainment world. Mr. Cy Jackson, founder and producer of Music for America, has put on record some of the selections heard in the concerts in various parts of the country. Each of the thirteen numbers heard on this album is a treasure. You will recognize the voices of these well-known artists: Beth Farnam, The White Sisters, Ethel Waters, Bill Carle, Frank Boggs, Ronnie Avalone and others. Three orchestras are heard in accompaniment. You will get much enjoyment from this fine recording. WORD W-3097-LP

On the Sacred label we have an album by Bob Daniels. With the Ralph Carmichael Orchestra and Chorus behind him, Mr. Daniels sings in a popular crooning style such well-known songs as I Will Pilot Thee, Just When I Need Him Most, Just A Closer Walk With Thee, For All My Sins, No One Understands Like Jesus, and He'll Understand And Say Well Done. There are six selections on each side. An attractive cover gives the title of this album as JUST A CLOSER WALK. Sacred LP 8015

Alan McGill is no stranger to the sacred recording field. He has done at least five previous albums for Sacred Records, Inc. The latest (number six) is called ALAN MCGILL SINGS IN HI FI. Mr. McGill sings with a sensitivity and sincerity which complement the message of the song. We thoroughly enjoyed this album of twelve selections. We liked these especially: If I Gained the World, If Your Heart Keeps Right, Jesus Took My Burdens, Beneath the Cross, and Over the Sunset Mountain. Good variety and a sense of depth of feeling characterize the album. Sacred LP 8016.

GARDEN OF THE HEART is the title selected for the latest album by the Ralph Carmichael Singers. Here is an unusually fine recording. There is no more beautiful music than that produced by the blending of human voices. The Carmichael Singers, without accompaniment, present a wonderful program of varied moods and rhythms. The arrangements are beautiful. To hear the recording is to want it for your own. You will hear familiar melodies sung with feeling. The selections include Wonderful, Wonderful Jesus, O for a Thousand Tongues (which provides the exciting contrast which Carmichael desired), Overshadowed, Near to the Heart of God, and others. The rollicking Shadrack is the only spiritual in the album. This is a most unusual selection done with great precision and lending a bit of "spice" to the album. We also enjoyed very much the final number on side two, The Saviour Is Waiting. It is an invitation song and is sung simply and movingly. Sacred LP 8018

Tony Fontane had reached star-

If thou hast a faith which looks to ceremonies, creeds, prayers, and feelings, it will fail thee when most thou needest help.—Spurgeon.

dom as a popular singer when he was critically injured in an automobile accident. He received Christ as Saviour soon after the accident and has been active since then in a musical ministry. Mr. Fontane was chosen by Christian Faith Recordings to record the ten most popular and best loved songs from the pen of Dr. Haldor Lillenas. Heard in accompaniment are the Old-Fashioned Revival Hour Quartet, Rudy Atwood, and Ralph Carmichael and Orchestra. The selections are all well known. They are interpreted sensitively. We liked Jesus Will Walk With Me, The Peace That Jesus Gives, I Know a Name, and My Wonderful Lord. The title of the stereo album is THE SONGS OF HALDOR LILLENAS, TONY FONTANE, TENOR. Christian Faith Recordings TF-253

We think many of our readers will enjoy the album **SACRED HAWAIIAN MELODIES** which features the guitar stylings of Bud Tutmarc accompanied by pipe organ. This is the sort of record you might choose to play while reading or during your evening meal. It is all instrumental and we found it to be very relaxing. Mr. Tutmarc acknowledges the strong influence of the late Sol Hoopii and has studied and played the guitar since early childhood. Six bands on each side. Sacred LP 8022

Popular, scintillating Bill Carle whose vibrant Christian testimony has challenged hearts around the world has joined forces with Kurt Kaiser and the Orchestra to produce **SONGS FROM THE WORD**. Bill Carle is a man and when he sings, the song comes from the depths of his soul. Eleven selections, some of them are well-known, some less familiar, but all are done with warmth and beauty. We liked especially The Ninety And Nine, Day By Day, Then Jesus Came, There Is a Green Hill Far Away, and Jesus, Rose of Sharon. The album closes with How Great Thou Art, done only as Bill Carle can sing it. Word W-3098-LP.

That does it for this month. We have enjoyed doing these reviews for the past few months. We are grateful to you who have read them and to those of you who have written. Now we would like to know whether you want this column to continue. Will you write and give us your reaction? Here's the address: RECORDS, Box 420, Wheaton, Ill. A post card or a letter will do. If you want the column, say so. If you do not write, we will assume that you are not interested in the continuation of the record review column.

For further information about the records reviewed here write:

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Dr. Bob Jones SAYS:



I recently received a letter from which we quote: "I accepted Christ under your ministry in 1951. I was very depressed and my friends seemed few. The Lord has certainly wonderfully blessed me since I put my trust in Him. My daughter has three children who will soon be ready for college, and I want these grandchildren to attend Bob Jones University and get the right foundation for their lives."

My friends, you people who pray for Bob Jones University, which

the Lord led us to found more than thirty-three years ago, and who invest some of your money in the institution and who help us line up the right kind of students are real partners in this business. Won't you let us hear from you? Please do. Thank you, and God bless you.

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Missionary Wins Souls in Japan

We rejoice in a good letter from Missionary Russell Stellwagon, who works under The Evangelical Alliance Mission, working out from Tokyo, Japan.

It was a joy to spend some time with Brother Stellwagon when I was in Japan in 1956. I went out to a tent revival service with him where I preached. We spent the night together in a Japanese hotel, and had sweet fellowship. On his furlough home, it was a good privilege to meet him again in Wheaton. He is doing a good work.

Note that he mentions "Brother Takei, your grandson in the faith." A criminal in prison was wonderfully converted through my booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" in the Japanese edition. He was so changed that he was released from prison and met this young Takei, a slave to drink, who had tried to kill himself and was in despair. He won this friend to Christ. When I preached in the tent revival service, this young Takei was a ministerial student in Japan Christian College and led the singing in the meeting that night and continued in revival services. He was called my grandson in the faith because he was won by a man who was saved through the booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?"

Of course, we have already renewed Brother Stellwagon's subscription to THE SWORD OF THE LORD, and will write to tell him so at once. We thank God for missionaries around the world who get THE SWORD OF THE LORD and are blessed by it.

How we rejoice to hear from a missionary who is actually winning souls, many of them, in the old-time way, on the mission field. God bless Brother Russell Stellwagon!

The Missionary's Letter

"Dear Dr. Rice:

"It has been some time since I last wrote you. I really appreciated your letter in answer to one of mine during the latter part of last year and for your nice Christmas greeting. I trust that you got my calendar and that you have been receiving my prayer letter. I sent another prayer letter which you should receive very soon now.

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"I have been busy in evangelistic work for the past few months, some of which you will read about in my prayer letter. During the Christmas season, I was in 12 meetings in four towns and five villages in Nagano Prefecture within a radius of about 15 miles or so from where you preached for me in the tent meetings at Saku Hozumi that night.

"Brother Takei, your grandson in the faith, lives in the village where the old grandfather who came down the mountain to hear you lived. The family there gave Brother Takei a small house to live in; he has made it into his church and holds weekly meetings there and in several other villages and towns out from there. He is really filled with the joy of the Lord. I stayed there with the grandfather's family, and Brother Takei and I went out to hold meetings in various villages and towns near there—some that are virtually unreached with the Gospel, and would be but for his work.

"A university student whom I met on a train when returning from an evangelistic trip in the fall and whom I took to church with me and who later accepted the Lord went along to help, and really proved very useful in the work. We passed out Christmas tracts printed by the Word of Life Press, announced the meetings with my portable loud speaker set developed by Dr. Fred Jarvis, and brought gospel messages and showed slides on the creation, man's departure into sin and idolatry, God's sending His Son into the world to go to the cross and suffer for sins of all, and Christ's resurrection and ascension. Hundreds attended, many hearing the Gospel for the first time. A number remained afterwards; in one of the meetings, 17 professed acceptance of Christ. Brother Takei will be following this work up. Actually, the old grandfather died last year, but his family and his grandchildren are carrying on a testimony for Christ in their area.

"I went on to Nozawa after this and to the town where I used to live, for meetings; Brother Muramatsu, who was my Japanese worker last term, now lives in Nozawa about 15 miles from the area where we had tent meetings and is doing a good job for the Lord. The Lord has really given him a new zeal in the work, and he has organized a church and is working toward a building program now. Please pray for this work in this needy area of Nagano Prefecture. These two men are the only ones preaching the Gospel in that particular area where I understand over 80,000 people live, and many more than that if unreached areas just beyond are included. I go up from time to time to help in the work there.

"During the holiday I heard from a number of people I've had the opportunity of leading to Christ here. One, a man who was the interpreter for the police department in Karuizawa while I was studying the language there—one of my first converts in Japan; he's a pastor and Christian publisher about 350 miles southwest of Tokyo now; another was a young man I first met in a service at a TB sanatorium about 6 years ago; he later came to visit me when he was well, took his pastoral training, and is now a pastor of a church about 150 miles from here. Another, a young lady who is a senior at the Japan Christian College now; she will be going out to serve the Lord this spring. She was working in her father's bicycle store where I had a flat fixed one day. She later came to hear more about Christ and accepted the Lord; she was one of our most faithful soul winners.

"Another, a young lady who came to talk with me about four years ago who was discouraged with life and on the verge of suicide. She accepted Christ, was filled with His joy and peace, and is now working at a railway station saving money to go to school to prepare for the Lord's work. She said she was sure she would

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

By Evangelist John R. Rice

31 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field:

32 Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.

—Matt. 13:31, 32

Here is another picture of the course of this age, and it is not a good picture. The other parables tell of tares among the wheat, bad fish with the good, much of the sower's seed wasted, etc. The parables do not picture the kingdom of Christ growing, expanding, and developing of itself and taking the world. This parable has often been interpreted as showing a great and blessed growth of the kingdom during this age, but that is evidently not the intention of the Saviour.

Here, I think, is the meaning of the parable. In Bible times the churches started out simply sowing the seed of the Gospel. Preaching, teaching, and in personal work, they went everywhere getting people saved. That is the very heart and essence of New Testament Christianity. But as

this wicked age progresses, the emphasis has changed from seed-sowing to tree-growing. Instead of scattering the Gospel, people are now more concerned about building denominational organizations, institutions, and programs. The growth of Roman Catholicism is the best example of that. The great ecclesiastical systems which are now thought to represent Christianity did not appear in the New Testament. The denominational overlordship over preachers and churches, the emphasis on education instead of evangelism and on direction by popes, bishops, denominational secretaries, etc., instead of direction by the Holy Spirit, on character building instead of regeneration—these things are all pictured, I think, by this growth of a tree. And notice the birds which come and lodge in the branches (vs. 32). They may have the same meaning as the fowls in verse 4. The evil one takes the seed out of people's hearts and likewise Satan brings modernism and wickedness into any great denominational system.

A picture of a great denominational system during the tribulation time is given, I think, in Revelation, chapter 17. It seems to be a picture of Roman

Catholicism come to its last and highest fruit, probably with other denominations joined in after the saints are called out of the world. Then in chapter 18, read verse 2, where this great evil system which will head up in Rome at that time is accursed by the angel saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful BIRD." The great unscriptural, religious system is pictured by the tree in Matthew 13:32, I believe, and the modernism and false doctrine and worldliness, human pride and carnal methods that inevitably accompany such a system are pictured by the birds which come and lodge in the branches thereof. Fundamentalism, in its fight against modernism, must be against the trees that give shelter to the evil birds just as it is against the birds. Study this very prayerfully. Does the Spirit impress you that this is the correct interpretation of this parable?

Remember that more than once in the Bible a human system of civilization or government is pictured by a tree. See Daniel 4:20, 22.

(The above is taken from the large commentary on the Gospel According to Matthew, 504 pages, called THE KING OF THE JEWS, by Editor John R. Rice. It is a verse-by-verse commentary in simple language, with thousands of references to other Scriptures, helps at hand places. Invaluable for teachers and preachers. Price, \$4.50 at your book dealer, or add 25c for postage and packing charges and order from Sword of the Lord Publishers, 214 West Wesley, Wheaton, Illinois.)

Bob Jones Graduates Christian Broadcast Engineers in June

The radio-television training program of Bob Jones University will reach a significant milestone June 1 with the graduation of the first students concentrating in engineering. For a number of years the University has offered a major in radio-television with concentrations in speech or production. Two years ago additional technical courses were included in the curriculum to comprise a third concentration—broadcast engineering.

Students in this phase of broadcasting are trained in the installation and maintenance of radio equipment. This includes airborne and ground communications, standard AM and FM broadcast stations, and mobile units. Emphasis is placed on the upkeep and operation of all types of power supplies. With the rigors of the mission field in mind, the student is taught to improvise where necessary, and much stress is laid on emergency procedures.

The engineering portion of the radio-television curriculum consists of four basic courses. The first two are a study of the fundamentals of electronics, the next deals with radio theory, and the fourth crystallizes the theory into practice. In addition, a course in

the practical operation of studio equipment is required. In this course the student learns the basic technical procedures followed in broadcast stations: operation of controls, tape recording, disc cutting, timing, cueing, microphone placement, studio arrangement, special effects, etc.

Before the student is granted the bachelor's degree, he must complete successfully the requirements for the first class radio-telephone license. The student must pass the standard FCC test and receive his license before the degree is awarded.

At Bob Jones University, radio-television students have the opportunity to put their knowledge into practice and their talents to the test by participating in the local and world-wide ministry of WMUU, the University's 1,000-watt, commercially licensed station. All upper-classmen are required to do a certain amount of collateral work with the professionally trained staff of the radio station.

The training in radio and television offered at Bob Jones University is unique. Although graduates in any phase of broadcasting are thoroughly qualified in their field of specialized interest, their education also includes collateral courses available only in a liberal arts institution. Foreign languages, mathematics, history, science, music, commerce—instruction in all of these fields is available to the radio student.

In line with the Christian philosophy of the University, every student is required to take a certain number of Bible courses every year during his college career. In fact, a number of graduates in radio-television have elected sufficient work in Bible to comprise a second major. The advantages of such an education to the Christian broadcaster are obvious.

That the Bob Jones University approach to the teaching of radio is valid is evidenced by the large percentage of graduates who hold responsible executive positions in Christian broadcasting. There is hardly a missionary radio station in existence which does not number at least one Bob Jones University alumnus among its staff.

This, of course, reflects the purpose of the University in offering radio and television training. It has no desire to direct its graduates into secular broadcasting. The primary concern of the Bob Jones University radio-television department is to train Christian young men and women for Christian broadcasting both in the United States and on the mission field. Eternity alone will tell the result of this ministry of the "World's Most Unusual University."

have been dead now if I had not had a message which would change her heart and life; she has surely learned that Christ has the answer to every need. Another was a high-school girl who came to Christ while I was in tent meetings in her city on the West Coast when she was 11. She wants to go to school to train for His service when she graduates, if it's His will. She is a Sunday School teacher now and helps in the evangelistic work of her church. Please pray that I'll be able to win many more like this who will not only trust Christ, but will also become workers and soul winners for His glory.

"It was good to see Dr. Bob again when he was here in November. We had a good time of fellowship at the Bob Jones alumni get-together here.

"Due to new income tax regulations, it will be more difficult to have money sent from our mission to pay for things in the States, and since we can't send money out of Japan, I'm in sort of a fix when it comes to renewing my subscription to THE SWORD. I enjoy getting it and keeping up on things in the work in the States. Perhaps I can renew it in some way a little later. Thank you for sending it all this time. Please greet every one there for me. Do write again soon.

"Yours in Christ,
(Signed) Russell Stellwagon"

Book Reviews

By
Evangelist Robert L. Sumner

FAITH AND ITS DIFFICULTIES, by J. H. Bavinck, translated from the Dutch by William B. Eerdmans, Sr.; Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.; 85 pages, \$2.00.

We are reminded repeatedly, in both Old and New Testaments, that "the just shall live by faith." Not only is eternal life obtained through faith, but the day-by-day triumphs of victorious Christian living are achieved solely through faith. Writing with burning conviction the author endeavors to show the possibilities of reaching this life on the highest plane.

Refreshingly and decidedly different, this is one of the finest little devotional books this reviewer has read in some time. Showing a tremendous insight into the inward thoughts and actions of us all (especially in the second section, "Man: The Enigma"), Dr. Bavinck skillfully convinces the reader of the helplessness of himself, then portrays with positive pen the available strength and might of the Saviour and Master. The book can easily be read in two hours but the truths taught are apt to linger for days, weeks or years, possibly revolutionizing the life!

The publishers have aptly commented: "The preacher will here find a striking example of theology that leaves the study, enters the home, the factory, the office, and speaks to the heart of the Christian, any Christian, in the place where he actually is. And the man or woman busy with the everyday cares of life will find strength to meet the difficulties of faith."

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With the Evangelists

By the Editor

EVANGELIST J. OSCAR WELLS, Box 417, Bethany, Oklahoma, recently concluded a meeting in the Wing Baptist Church of Wing, Alabama. During the week of meetings in this independent Baptist church there were 5 first-time decisions for Christ, 4 rededications, 6 coming for baptism, and 2 who moved their church letter. The pastor reports that the people held cottage prayer meetings every night for six weeks before the meeting and were encouraged to see the results.

EVANGELIST PAUL LEVIN, Box 508, Waterloo, Iowa, and blind soloist Bob Findley recently concluded their fourth meeting in the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Ohio. Pastor C. E. Hershey reports that the Lord used "Paul and Bob" to attract large crowds with 24 public decisions and dedications. On the last night there were 10 baptized who were saved as a result of the meetings.

EVANGELIST PHIL SHULER, 5760 West 60th Avenue, Arvada, Colorado, held a revival in the First Baptist Church of Gunnison, Colorado, accompanied by Bill Renstrom, blind gospel singer. In the meeting held January 31-February 14 there were 44 decisions for salvation, 86 rededications, 78 consecrations (giving up tobacco, etc.), and many decisions among Christians. There were 25 additions to the church and 19 were baptized on the final Sunday night of the meeting. These are outstanding results in a church with a membership of only 68.

EVANGELIST PAUL FERGUSON, 1912 Vance Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee, held a meeting in the Pleasant Grove Church of Mendon, Ohio, January 26-February 7. In the church of less than 45 active members there were 25 rededications and 8 conversions. The pastor, Glenn E. Saunders, reports that he was very pleased with Brother Ferguson's work in a difficult community.

Rev. Bob Catledge, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church on the Ramey Air Force Base, Puerto Rico, reports a good meeting held by **REV. JEWELL SMITH**, pastor of Temple Baptist Church in Orlando, Florida. There were 59 persons who responded to the invitation during the meeting, many of whom were first-time decisions, and others who came for rededication or transfer of church letter.

EVANGELIST FRANK DUNCAN, 21 Pine Street, Inman, South Carolina, held an unusual revival in Mountain View Baptist Church of Asheboro, North Carolina, for eleven days, January 27-February 7. In spite of extremely rough weather and much flu and sickness, Pastor Harold Leake reports it was the best attended of any meeting they have ever had. There were 31 saved, many rededications, 27 new titheers, and other decisions among Christians. The pastor reports that Brother Duncan taught a soul-winning study which resulted in an active, successful visitation and soul-winning effort by the people.

EVANGELIST PHIL McLAUGHLIN, 2025 Cline Avenue, Gary, Indiana, held a meeting February 14-21 in the Independent Bible Baptist Church of St. Charles, Missouri, where Rev. Buel Martin is pastor. During the week there were 10 first-time decisions for Christ and a number of decisions among Christians for soul winning, family altars, visitation, and rededication.

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The Dallas News on the National Council

The oldest and most influential newspaper in Texas is the Dallas Morning News. Editorially it is conservative, cultured, trusted. In a February 27 leading editorial it takes to task the National Council of Churches for a leadership largely friendly to "pink and Red causes." It says:

UTTERLY EMPTY CHARGES?

"The General Board of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America denounces a manual issued by the Air Force. The manual said, among other things, that American churches have been infiltrated by Communism."

"The manual also said that of the 95 men listed by the National Council as making up the revision committee and advisory board responsible for the issuance of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, no less than 30 have records of signing, endorsing or otherwise sponsoring leftist and Communist-front statements, petitions or causes."

"The general board of the council at Oklahoma City said last week that the charges are 'empty.' The fact that 30 men from among the general sponsorship of the Bible publication had left-of-center records is not empty of fact. It is

true. The fact that 10 out of the 22 active translators of the Revised Standard Version signed their names in the wrong places is not empty of fact. It is true."

"Now, it may very well be that, notwithstanding the facts truly set out in the Air Force manual, the translation task itself was well and conscientiously done. The News prefers not to undertake here any examination into the textual fidelity of the National Council's translation of the Scriptures from early documents."

"But here is the National Council. It picks 95 men to have general charge of an undertaking. And 30 per cent of them just happen to be endorsing all manner of pink causes and Red causes. From the 95 there are chosen 22 scholars to handle the actual work of translation. And out of the 22 it just happens that 45 per cent are left-of-liberal in sympathies and activi-

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therefore the required sacrifices for purification." And, by way of explanation when Paul says, in I Corinthians 7:12, "to the rest I would suggest, but not as the Lord's command," the footnote rightly says, "Paul does not disclaim inspiration here, but direct command of Christ."

Some Footnotes Reflect on Inspiration

However, not all the footnotes are fully reliable. It is naturally to be expected that when human hands, apart from divine inspiration, place notes in a text, they will not be perfect. Yet some of them so seriously reflect on biblical inspiration that it can only be hoped the footnotes will be altered in subsequent editions. The editors and publishers do believe strongly in inspiration so you may be sure that the reflections are not intended, but they are there nonetheless.

For example, when the psalmist says, in Psalm 107:17, "Some developed illness because of their wicked ways and were afflicted on account of sin," a footnote reads, "In Israel it was the common belief that sickness was due to sin. This concept runs through many psalms. In good part, the Book of Job was written to dispel this view, but the notion was deep seated and was scarcely shaken." This footnote says in effect that the psalmist made a mistake due to the "common belief" of his day and that even though the Book of Job had been written to "dispel" this "notion," it was so "deep seated" that it was "scarcely shaken."

The same error is continued in a footnote at John 9:2, stating, "Ultimately all suffering is due to sin, including that of Christ on the cross for our sin. But from Job we know we must not judge back from suffering to particular sins; nor do we trace it to a previous existence." But many physical plagues in Old Testament times were due to specific sins, such as the judgment upon Israel when David numbered the people. Too, it was a result of specific sins that Paul told the Corinthian Christians, "For this reason many among you are invalid and sickly, and quite a number have fallen

asleep" (I Cor. 11:30, Berkeley Version). Was Paul mistaken? Did he have such a "deep seated" and strong "notion" about this "view" that it caused him to "judge back" and wrongly conclude they were "suffering" from "particular sins"? Or did he write accurately and truly about the matter with words "which the Holy Ghost teacheth" (I Cor. 2:13)? The latter is absolutely true!

Another reflection on inspiration is found at Psalm 14:3, relative to the psalmist's declaration that there "is none who does good, not even one." A footnote explains, "In keeping with the thought of Ps. 12:1; also of Elijah when it seemed to him that all had forsaken God." But the psalmist was right, not wrong. It did not just "seem to him" that "there is none who does good, not even one." Paul quoted it as truth in Romans 3 and the Saviour declared the same in Matthew 19:17.

One wonders why the footnote following the statement of Isaiah 40:22, "He who sits above the circle of the earth" says, "Suggested, probably, by skies and horizon." The Hebrew word, "khug," means literally, "roundness," and the verse is a tremendous statement of science demanding inspiration. The footnote tones down a supernatural revelation and places it in the category of mere human observation.

The common fallacy that God had to have help in getting an accurate record written for our Bible found its way into a footnote at Genesis 50:25. It reads, "Joseph remained a Hebrew at heart and a worshiper of the true God. He seems the best qualified Israelite before Moses to have gathered up the Genesis incidents and teachings, of which Moses could make use for the composition of Genesis. Joseph had time and ability for it, and as a boy had heard Isaac and Jacob review vital events told in Genesis." How much better is Peter's explanation, "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (II Peter 1:20, 21).

By the same token, the translation of Luke 1:3 is very poor and unacceptable, stating, along with the first two verses, "Now that many have put their hands to the composition of a narrative regarding the events that have certainly taken place among us, transmitted as they are to us by those who were from the first eyewitnesses and attendants of the Word, it seemed fitting for me as well, since I was accurately acquainted with everything from its inception, to write you in orderly fashion, most excellent Theophilus." But Luke was not writing from the standpoint of being "accurately acquainted with everything from its inception." He was writing as one who had received "perfect understanding" of the facts "from above." The words "from its inception" are translated from the Greek word, "anthen," meaning "from above" and is thus translated even in the Berkeley Version in John 3:31; 19:11; James 1:17; 3:15 and 3:17. As Scofield says, "The use by Luke of anthen is an affirmation that his knowledge of those things derived from those who had been eye-witnesses from the beginning, was confirmed by revelation."

Poor Translations

This reviewer noted a number of places in reading the version carefully in its entirety where the translation was faulty and unacceptable.

For example, Ephesians 5:25, 26 teaches baptismal regeneration, stating, "You husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her, in order that, by cleansing her according to the word of promise in the baptismal water, He may sanctify her." Incidentally, a footnote at John 3:5 says, "Water for repentance, our part; Spirit for new birth, God's part," a most unusual interpretation, to say the least, and one this reviewer does not agree with even slightly. Water is not a symbol elsewhere of repentance; why should it be here?

Genesis 6:3 is translated, "Then the Lord said, My Spirit shall not forever remain in man since he has gone astray; he is flesh, I will allow him another 120 years," which is considerably different than the Authorized Version's statement: "And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years." There is a world of difference between God's Spirit abiding in a sinful man whose "every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" (vs. 5, A. V.) and striving with him!

Proverbs 11:30 is translated, "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and a wise man wins friends." There is quite a difference between winning friends and winning souls, as the Authorized Version reads. One wonders even more why the change when a footnote admits, "Lit. 'takes souls.'"

An unfortunate rendering is also found in Daniel 3:25 which makes the companion of the three Hebrew children in the fiery furnace simply "a son of the gods." Admittedly the Chaldaic allows this, but just as admittedly it was in reality, as the Authorized Version properly states it, "the Son of God!"

A feature in the translation which I found repulsive was the repeated use of the word "annihilated." The average person takes this to mean "ceasing to exist," something entirely foreign to the Scriptures and a term that suits the "Jehovah's Witnesses," the Seventh-Day Adventists and kindred cults altogether too well. And one wonders why most of Leviticus 25:10 was put in capital letters simply because, as a footnote explains, "The capitalized clause is cast around the rim of our Liberty Bell." This seems to be a very foolish reason for capitalizing the words in the Bible.

Other Faulty Footnotes

Most fundamentalists who believe in a literal fire in Hell will not like the way the fire has been banked in this translation. A footnote following the statement of Matthew 13:42, "shall cast them into the fiery furnace," says, "Evil spirits share this punishment which, therefore, is not of a physical but of a spiritual nature—absence from God; enforced fellowship with evil spirits; an atmosphere of hate and bitterness, with no tendency to repent." Incidentally, Heaven and Hell are not treated as proper nouns in this translation. They have not been capitalized which is the equivalent of spelling our leading cities as new york, chicago and los angeles. True, it has long been the habit to spell these words with the lower case, but proper understanding for readers is more important than being mere creatures of custom.

One of the most objectionable footnotes in the entire translation is at Daniel 9:27 and there a footnote takes what is an obvious reference to the coming antichrist and applies it to the Son of God! Incidentally, the pronouns in the verse are capitalized, too, indicating deity! Yet this should not be too surprising since all the prophetic footnotes in the Berkeley Version show an anti-premillennial and a pro-amillennial bias. Readers will certainly find them a far cry from the notes found in the Scofield Reference Bible.

One further objection to the notes is that they teach a Friday crucifixion in all four Gospels, something not believed by the vast majority of fundamentalists, among which this reviewer admittedly is one.

No translation is perfect and the Berkeley Version is not. However, it will be a welcome addition to a preacher's library and many laymen will benefit from its smooth style and easy readability. No doubt some corrections will be made in subsequent editions, and it is hoped here that the references reflecting on inspiration will be changed, even if nothing else is.

"Since writing the above the reviewer noted a front-page article in the Detroit Free Press in which the word 'Hell' was used several times. Every time it was capitalized. It seems strange that a daily newspaper will recognize Hell as a place, giving it proper treatment as a proper noun, yet a Bible translation will not.

G.O.P. Lashes Whitewash of Reuther, UAW

Washington, Feb. 15—Violence and intimidation are essential parts of Walter Reuther's power, Republicans of the Senate rackets committee charged Monday.

The Republicans, led by Sen. Barry Goldwater [Ariz.], refused to accept the Democrats' report to the Senate on the Kohler and Perfect Circle strikes and wrote a dissenting report denouncing Reuther, boss of the United Auto Workers, and the union itself.

Opposed to Whitewash

Asserting that the Democratic report gives a clean bill of health to Reuther and the union, the Republicans said they "resent this obvious attempt to place the power and prestige of a congressional committee at the disposal of Reuther" to enable him to assert that he and his union were found blameless.

The Republicans said events at the Kohler company strike at Kohler, Wis., and the Perfect Circle strike at Hagerstown and New Castle, Ind., are a "shocking example" of what can happen when a group is permitted to place itself "above and beyond" the law.

"Entire communities were terrorized . . . decent, law abiding American citizens—even some innocent bystanders—were actually in fear of their lives," the Republicans said.

Imported Goons Used

"At Kohler and at Perfect Circle there were stonings, sluggings, assaults, rotten egg throwings, paint smearings, shot gun and rifle firings into homes and at individuals, shadowing, elbowing, kicking, reckless driving, stomping, destruction of homes, throwing of bottles, rocks, and paint bombs, destruction of automobiles

"The communities involved were actually under siege as the invaded by foreign mercenaries. In this case, however, the invaders were arm locked professional goons and thugs employed and imported by the UAW to enforce its dictates."

The Republicans charged that a pattern of violent acts has accompanied "the footsteps of UAW marchers from Walter Reuther's first sitdown strike in the 1930's to the present time."

The report charged that in both strikes the union leaders represented only 33 per cent of the workers.

Holds Personal Blame

"It is a monstrous fiction," the Republicans said, "to maintain that Walter Reuther has no personal responsibility for the outrages committed against decent American workers in the Kohler and Perfect Circle strikes."

"Those who perpetrated the outrages were his agents acting with his consent and tacit approval. One word from Reuther or his deputies would have put an end to violence and restored legal collective bargaining. The word never came!"

The Republicans charged that Gov. G. Mennen [Soapy] Williams established a sanctuary for John Guanca by refusing for four years to permit Guanca's extradition to Wisconsin to stand trial for an assault during the Kohler strike.

—Chicago Tribune, Feb. 18, 1960

Let's Keep to the Words

It seems to us that some new emphases should be laid these days on some old doctrines. One we have in mind just now is the verbal inspiration of the Bible.

Time was when orthodox Christians differed little in their definition of the term. It meant simply that in the original writings of Scripture, the words were God-breathed, the writers speaking as they were moved by the Holy Spirit (II Tim. 3:16; I Pet. 1:21).

Lately, however, as we have read what some fellow Christians have said, we have wondered if in talking about verbal inspiration we are talking about the same thing. Whereas once it meant unequivocally that the words were inspired, now it means the larger concepts, the underlying principles, or even the over-all subjects of the Bible.

Perhaps this drift explains the dearth of expository preaching today. In the revival under Nehemiah, the prophet Nehemiah "read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense." It seems a shame to us to be able to walk into a Bible-believing church and not have cause to continually refer to the Book.

We wonder if we are not in danger of surrendering a precious heritage. Plain people need to read and hear the plain doctrines of Scripture, given not in the language of theology or philosophy or psychology or sociology, but in the words of Scripture itself.

The common people heard Christ gladly. He had a message to give, and He gave it to them in the language they understood. Is He not a good enough example to follow? Two millennia have not changed men. They still need to be reconciled to God, and to have the Life of God indwelling them and empowering them. The Bible is God's Book to tell them how to get it—in their own language.

It's a Book of words. "God spake all these words" (Ex. 20:1). "I have put my words in thy mouth" (Isa. 51:16). "Thy words were found and I did eat them; and thy words became to me the joy and

rejoicing of my heart" (Jer. 15:16). "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" (Matt. 24:35). Examples like these abound throughout the Scriptures.

Let's keep to the words. The day may come, and perhaps now is, when "the Lord God . . . will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord" (Amos 8:11).

(Editorial in Moody Monthly, March, '60.)

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The Way of Salvation

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to get a wife for his son Isaac. When Eliezer had got Rebekah, he wanted to be up and off with the young bride; but her mother and brother said, "No, she shall wait awhile." When Eliezer was determined to go, they said, "We will inquire of the damsel." And when Rebekah appeared, they said to her, "Wilt thou go with this man?" That was a crisis in her life. She could have said "No." Undoubtedly it cost her an effort; it would, of course, be a struggle. She had to give up her parents, home, companions, all that she loved, and go with this stranger. But look at her reply: she said, "I will go." I have come to get a bride for my master. "Wilt thou go with this man?" I can tell you one thing that Eliezer could not tell Rebekah; he could not say, "Isaac loves you." Isaac had never seen his bride. But I can say, "My Master loves you!"

Ah, that is love! But bear in mind that the moment Rebekah made up her mind to accept Isaac he became everything to her, so that she did not feel she was giving up anything for him. Ah, what a mistake some people make! They say, "I'd like to become a Christian if I hadn't to give up so much." Just turn round and look at the other side. You don't have to give up anything—you have simply to receive; and when you have received Christ, everything else vanishes away, pretty quickly. Christ fills you, so that you don't feel these things to be worth a thought. When a woman marries a man, it is generally love that prompts her. If any one is here that really loves a man, is she thinking of how much she will have to give? No; that wouldn't be love. Love doesn't feed upon itself, it feeds upon the person who is loved. It is not by looking at what you will have to give up but by looking at what you will receive that you will be enabled to accept the Saviour. What is He willing to be to you, if you will have Him? Won't you be made heirs of Heaven, joint-heirs with Christ, to reign with Him forever and ever, to be His, to be with Him where He is, to be what He is? Think, then, of what He is, and of what He gives. You don't need to trouble yourselves at present about what you have to give up. Receive Him, and all these things will appear utterly insignificant.

I used to think of what I would have to give up. I dearly loved many of the pleasures of this earth, but now I'd as soon go out into your streets and eat dirt as do those things. God does not say, "Give up this and that." He says, "Here is the Son of my bosom—receive Him." When you do receive Him, everything else goes. Stop that talk about giving up; let Christ save you, and all these things will go for nothing. Mark the words, "To as many as received him, to them gave he power." Now, will you go with this man? You have often heard about Christ; you know as much about Him as any one on this platform, perhaps; but did you ever know a man or woman who regretted receiving Him? No man ever regretted receiving Christ; but I have heard thousands who have been followers of the Devil, and have regretted it bitterly. And I notice that it is always the most faithful followers of the Devil who regret it most.

Now, another case—Ruth and Orpah. Many are like these two young widows. A crisis had come in their lives; they had lost their husbands, and had been living up there in the mountains of Moab. Often had they visited the graves of their dear ones, and perhaps planted a few flowers there, and watered them with their tears. Now, Naomi is about to return to her native land, and they think they will go a bit of the road with her. It is a sad parting; but now the crisis comes. Down in the valley they embrace each other, and give the parting kiss. Then they both say they will go with Naomi, but she warns them of the difficulties and the trials which might await them. So Orpah says, "I will go back to my people"; but Ruth cannot leave her mother-in-law, and says she will go with her. Orpah turns back alone, and I can see her on the top of the hill;

she stops, and turns round for a last look. And Naomi says to Ruth, "Behold, thy sister-in-law is gone back to her people, and unto her gods; return thou after thy sister-in-law." What does Ruth say? "Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee; for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God." Her choice was made. Poverty here or suffering and want yonder, she would share Naomi's lot.

Orpah loved Naomi, but not enough to leave all for her; while Ruth loved her mother-in-law so much that the leaving of her people seemed nothing to her. Oh, may God draw out all your hearts, so that you may leave all and follow Him! We never hear any more of Orpah; the curtain falls upon her life. Perhaps she died away up in the mountains of Moab, without God and without hope. But how different with Ruth! She becomes famous in history; she is one of the few women whose names have come along down the roll of ages; and she is brought into the royal line of Heaven. I have an idea that God blessed her for that decision. And He will bless you if you decide in a like manner. Will you say as Ruth did, "I will follow thee; and thy God shall be my God"? Will any one take up the language of Ruth? Is there not a Ruth here? If there is, the Master is calling.

To Believe on Christ Is to Trust Him

I'll take another word. I have been speaking of "receive"; the next word I want your attention to is "trusting." Many get hold of that when they cannot get hold of "believe" or "receive." You all know what it is to trust. If it were not for trust, there would be a terrible commotion in this building tonight. If you could not trust that the roof was firmly put up, you would get out pretty quickly; and if you could not trust these chairs to support you, how long would you sit on them? Why, you wouldn't have come here at all if you didn't trust our word that there would be an address. Now, it is just the same trust that God wants. It is no miraculous trust or faith, but just the same kind, only the object is different. Instead of trusting in these earthly things, or in an arm of flesh, you are asked to trust in the Son of God.

In Dublin I was speaking to a lady in the inquiry room, when I noticed a gentleman walking up and down before the door. I went forward and said, "Are you a Christian?" He was very angry, and turned on his heel and left me. The following Sunday night I was preaching about "receiving," and I put the question, "Who'll receive Him now?" That young man was present, and the question sank into his heart. The next day he called upon me—he was a merchant in that city—and said, "Do you remember me?"

"No, I don't."

"Do you remember the young man who answered you so roughly the other night?"

"Yes, I do."

"Well, I've come to tell you I am saved."

"How did it happen?"

"Why, I was listening to your sermon last night, and when you asked, 'Who'll receive Him now?' God put it into my heart to say, 'I will'; and He has opened my eyes to see His Son now." I don't know why thousands should not do that here tonight. If you are ever to be saved, why not now?

But another point you must remember—salvation is a free gift, and it is a free gift for all. Can you buy it? It is a free gift, presented to "whosoever . . ." Suppose I were to say, I will give this Bible to "whosoever . . ." What have you got to do? Why, nothing but take it! But a man comes forward and says, "I'd like that Bible very much."

"Well, didn't I say, 'whoever' . . . ?"

"Yes; but I'd like to have you say my name."

"Well, here it is."

Still he keeps eyeing the Bible, and saying, "I'd like to have that Bible; but I'd like to give you something for it. I don't like to

take it for nothing."

"Well, I am not here to sell Bibles; take it, if you want it."

"Well, I want it; but I'd like to give you something for it. Let me give you a penny for it; though, to be sure, it's worth twenty or thirty dollars."

Well, suppose I took the penny; the man takes up the Bible, and marches away home with it. His wife says, "Where did you get that Bible?" "Oh, I bought it." Mark the point; when he gives the penny it ceases to be a gift. So with salvation. If you were to pay ever so little, it would not be a gift.

Man is always trying to do something. This miserable word "try" is keeping thousands out of Heaven. When I hear men speak of "trying," I generally tell them it is the way down to death and Hell. I believe more souls are lost through "trying" than any other way. You have often tried, and as often failed; and as long as you keep trying you will fail. Drop that word, then, and take as your sure foothold for eternity, "trust." "Though he slay me, yet will I trust him"; that is the right kind of trust. Would to God that you would all say, "I will trust Him now, tonight." Did you ever hear of any one going down to Hell trusting in Jesus? I never did. This very night, if you commit yourself to Him, the battle will be over.

You complain you don't feel better. Well, remember, the child must be born before it can be taught. So we cannot learn of God until we receive Him. We must be born—born again—ere we can feel. Christ must be in us the hope of glory. How can He be in us if we don't receive Him and trust Him?

Another verse on which I feel that I rest my own salvation is John 5:24. I trust God will write it on your hearts, and burn it down into your souls. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life." Thank God for that "hath."

I had a few men in the inquiry room one night who could not find peace. I said, "Do you believe the Bible?"

"Yes, sir."

"I think I will prove you don't. Turn up John 5:24." They turned it up.

"Read the verse."

"He that heareth my word—"

"You believe that?"

"Yes, sir."

"And believeth on him that sent me—"

"You believe that God sent Jesus?"

"Yes."

"Well, read on."

"Hath everlasting life."

"You believe you have everlasting life?"

"No, we don't."

"Oh, I thought you didn't believe in the Bible!" What right have you to cut a verse in two, and say you believe the one half but not the other? It plainly says that he who believes "hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." Why, if you believe God's words, you can say, "I have passed from darkness into light." Just by resting on that one little word in the present tense we may have "assurance" now. We don't need to wait till we die, and till the great day of judgment, to find it out.

To Believe on Christ Is to Take Him

A lady in Glasgow came to me, and said, "Mr. Moody, you are always saying, 'Take, take!' Is there any place in the Bible where it says 'Take,' or is it only a word you use? I have been looking in the Bible for it, but cannot see it."

"Why," I said, "the Bible is sealed with it; it is almost the last word in the Bible. 'And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.'"

"Well," she said, "I never saw that before. Is that all I have to do?"

"Yes, the Bible says so." And she took it, just there. God says, "Let him take"; who can stop us if God says it? All the devils in Hell cannot hinder a poor soul from taking if God says, "Take."

My friends, are you going to "take"? Are you going to let these precious meetings pass without getting Christ—without being able to look up and say, "Christ is my Saviour, God is my Father, Heaven is my home."

A lady came to my house one night, anxious about her soul; but after some conversation she left, without finding peace. She came again, and I asked, "What is the trouble?"

"I haven't got peace."

I took her to this verse, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life" (John 3:36). I just held up that little word "hath" to her, and turned to John 5:24 and 6:47. There these words were spoken by Jesus, and they are all linked on to believing on the Son.

After we had talked for some time, she looked in my face earnestly, and said, "I have got it!" and went away rejoicing in the Saviour's love. If you seek life you can have it now, as you sit upon your seat. The word "hath" occurs again in Isaiah 53:6: "All we like sheep have gone astray; . . . and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." Our iniquity has been laid upon Christ, and the Lord is not going to demand payment twice. "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree."

Now, one question: What are you going to do with Christ? You have got to settle that question. You may get angry, but you must settle it. Pilate wanted to shirk the responsibility, and sent Jesus to Herod; but he was forced to a decision. When the Jews forced him to decide, he washed his hands and said he was "innocent of this just man's blood." But did that take away his guilt? No.

An angel may be here, hovering over this audience, and he is listening to what is said. Some one may say, "I will receive Him; I will delay no longer." Immediately the angel will wing his way right up to the pearly gates, and tells the news that another sinner has been saved. There will be a new song ringing through the courts of Heaven over sinners repenting. God will issue the command to write down their names in the book of life, and to get rooms ready for them in the new Jerusalem, where we all will soon be.

A man was being tried for a crime, the punishment of which was death. The witnesses came in one by one, and testified to his guilt, but there he stood quite calm and unmoved. The judge and the jury were quite surprised at his indifference; they could not understand how he could take such a serious matter so calmly. When the jury retired, it did not take them many minutes to decide on the verdict, "guilty"; and when the judge was passing the sentence of death upon the criminal, he told him how surprised he was that he could be so unmoved by the prospect of death. When the judge had finished, the man put his hand in his bosom, pulled out a document, and walked out of the dock a free man. Ah, that was why he could be so calm; it was a free pardon from his king, which he had hid in his pocket all the time. The king had instructed him to allow the trial to proceed, and to produce the pardon only when he was condemned. No wonder, then, that he was indifferent as to the result of the trial. Now, that is just what will make us joyful in the great day of judgment; we have got a pardon from the Great King, and it is sealed with the blood of His Son.

After the Chicago fire, a great many things were sent to us from all parts of the world. The boxes that came in were labelled "For the people who were burned out," and all a man had to do was to prove that he had been burned out, and he got a share. So you have but to prove that you are poor, miserable sinners, and there's help for you. If every man who is ruined and lost will cling to "try," there is no hope; but if he gives it all up as a bad job, then Christ will save him. The law condemns us, but Christ saves us.

The superintendent of a Sunday school was walking down the street one day, when he met a policeman leading by the hand a little boy, who was crying bitterly. He stopped, and asked the policeman what was the matter with the boy. "Oh," said the officer,

"he is lost." The superintendent asked to look at him. They went to a lamp, and held up the little fellow. Why, in a moment the boy knew his superintendent, and flew to his arms. The gentleman took him from the policeman, and the boy was comforted. The law has got us, but let us flee into Jesus' arms, and we are safe.

Faith Need Not Wait for Feelings!

A friend of mine in the North told me of a poor Scottish lassie, who was very anxious about her soul. He told her to read Isaiah 53. She replied, "I canna read, and I canna pray; Jesus, take me as I am!" That was the true way; and Jesus just took her as she was. Let Him take you, just as you are, and He will receive you to His arms.

One night, when preaching in Philadelphia, right down by the side of the pulpit there was a young lady whose eyes were riveted on me as if she were drinking in every word. It is precious to preach to people like that; they generally get good, even if the sermon is poor. I got interested in her, and after I had done talking, I went and spoke to her.

"Are you a Christian?"

"No, I wish I was; I have been seeking Jesus for three years."

I said, "There must be some mistake."

She looked strangely at me, and said, "Don't you believe me?"

"Well, no doubt you thought you were seeking Jesus; but it doesn't take an anxious sinner three years to meet an anxious Saviour."

"What am I to do, then?"

"The matter is you are trying to do something; you must just believe on the Lord Jesus Christ."

"Oh, I am sick and tired of the word, 'Believe, believe, believe!' I don't know what it is."

"Well," I said, "we'll change the word; take 'trust.'"

"If I say, 'I'll trust Him,' will He save me?"

"No, I don't say that; you may say a thousand things, but if you do trust Him."

"Well," she said, "I do trust Him; but," she added in the same breath, "I don't feel any better."

"Ah, I've got it now! You've been looking for feelings for three years instead of for Jesus. Faith is up above, not down here."

People are always looking for feelings. You are getting up a new translation of the Bible here, and if the men who are translating it would only put in feelings instead of faith, what a rush there would be for that Bible. But if you look from Genesis to Revelation, you cannot find feelings attached to salvation. We must rise above feelings; if you could, what a time you'd have! I know I would never have the toothache or the headache.

"Feelings," is the last plank the

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A Catholic President?

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and openly state his position, regardless of the political consequences.

A Supposed Case for Example

Let me introduce you to a remarkably gifted man. His name? Well, let's just call him Sam Jones, to make it easy. Mr. Jones has his doctorate in political science and has been president of one of our large universities for several years. During his sabbatical leave he taught in Peiping University of China. This was before the present political regime in China took over. However, Mr. Jones is an extremely intelligent and observant individual. He saw political trends in the Orient and prophesied the Communist victory in China two full years before it took place.

Mr. Jones has travelled around the world on three occasions, conferring with political and industrial leaders at every turn of the road. Nor has he failed to take the pulse of the "man on the street" during his world tours. As a politician he is superb and his executive ability is second to none. He is also a man of high moral standards and regularly attends one of the local churches.

Incidentally he has decided to run for the presidency of the United States of America. Oh, there is just one thing I forgot to tell you — Mr. Jones is an avowed Communist!

Obviously there are few people in the United States today who would vote for Mr. Jones in his bid for the presidency. Their refusal to cast their ballots in his favor would not be on the basis of any personal dislike of the man, nor on the basis of any lack of confidence in his ability. It is the philosophy, the system, the political machine that he represents which would cost him the election.

This is also the case in relation to voting for a Roman Catholic nominee for the presidency. It is altogether possible that the candidate be likeable, gifted, well-trained and able. He may have already proved himself an astute politician. However these things alone must not determine your vote for him any more than one good tree in a forest would lead you to purchase the forest.

With these things in mind let us observe three obvious facts:

1. Throughout the eras of Roman Catholic history there have been many adherents to that system whose lives have been commendable and whose loyalty to their respective countries has been unquestionable. This is true of many thousands of Roman Catholic subjects today.
2. The religio-political history of the Roman Catholic Church is heavily spotted with intrigue, deception and persecutions. Education has been suppressed, progress hindered, men have been slaughtered, kings have been dethroned

and governments overthrown by the Roman Catholic Church all in the name of "Christianity."

3. The present-day behavior of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in some countries clearly indicates that there are no depths to which she long hesitates to stoop in order to accomplish her ends. The attitude toward and treatment of Protestants in Spain by the Franco-Vatican axis is but one of several vivid illustrations of this sad fact.

In the light of these issues it is only fair that each voter ask himself, if he is voting for an individual, or whether there is some power behind this candidate which will divide his loyalties and eventually destroy the liberties for which we have fought and now so long enjoyed. Nor are the following questions out of order:

Will Your Vote for Roman Catholicism Affect Our Public Schools?

"In certain localities the Roman Church has taken over the public schools, staffed them with nun teachers and made the study of Roman Catholic dogma practically compulsory for all pupils. Those who object are subjected to social and economic reprisals and told they can move out if they don't like it. There are 'captive schools' of this kind in Ohio, Maine, Connecticut, Illinois, Wisconsin, Massachusetts, Michigan, Texas and Arkansas. The worst situations are in Indiana, Kansas and Kentucky." This quotation from no less an authority than Mr. C. Stanley Lowell, is but a straw in the wind of what your vote for a Roman Catholic president might do to our public school system.

The pressure that the Roman Catholic lobbyists put upon their political compatriots who gain high office is seen on every hand. In the 1958 election Roman Catholic governors were seated in the States of Maine, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Colorado and Washington. Without exception these men have been pressed by Roman Catholic action groups to obtain subsidies for parochial schools or to assist in the opening of public schools for garbed nuns. No one can deny that the obtaining of public funds for the support of Roman Catholic schools is an avowed purpose of the Roman Hierarchy.

In the 1958 elections in Massachusetts, Mr. Joseph V. Aguirre, Jr., Democratic candidate for the State House of Representatives, placed the following political ad in the Fall River, Mass., Herald News:

"If elected, I will introduce a constitutional amendment to force the State to pay 50 per cent of the cost of all new parochial schools. With rising costs our parishes need and deserve help for this worthy purpose. I dare any representative or candidate to fight me on this issue."

It is not inconceivable that in a Roman Catholic dominated America, all Protestant schools, including seminaries and colleges, would be closed and all public schools would be controlled by Rome at public expense. We have to look no further than to Colombia, South America, or to Spain in order to discover that the Vatican has a vicious attitude toward Protestant schools.

How Will Your Vote for Roman Catholicism Affect Evangelistic Campaigns?

Is it unlikely that gifted men of God could hold city-wide Evangelistic Campaigns in America if Romanism gained the upper hand in our Government? Is it improbable that "The Old Fashioned Revival Hour," "The Hour of Decision" and the many other nationwide Gospel broadcasts would continue unhindered if Roman Catholicism became the dominating power in U.S.A.? Are there any Catholic-ruled countries today in which such ministries are permitted?

One does not have to read between the lines to discover Roman Catholicism's attitude toward Protestant programs of evangelism. The Roman Catholic claim to be the one and only true church

is simply another way of saying that no other religion has any right to propagate its message. In her "Catechism of Christian Doctrine" (page 123) we read, "We know that no other church but the Catholic Church is the true Church of Christ . . ." To the Bible-believing Christian such a claim is a lie. Beware lest your vote for Romanism helps to sustain Rome's claim!

Will Your Vote for Catholicism Suppress the Bible?

No one can deny that the Roman Catholic Church is notorious for her suppression of the distribution of God's Word. Some may reply that the Catholic Church is only interested in suppressing the so-called "vulgar" versions of the Bible. By this they refer to the various language translations which have, almost without exception, been made by Protestants.

It is an unquestionable historical fact that the Roman Catholic Church has repeatedly made efforts to destroy Protestant-made translations of the Word of God. Her present day opposition to the distribution of the Word of God in Catholic-dominated countries is a plain matter of record.

On the one hand she now grants "an indulgence of 300 days" to those of her subjects who will read "the books of the Sacred Scriptures for at least a quarter of an hour daily," — on the other hand she warns her people against accepting a copy of the Gospel of John. In many countries she opposes Bible distributors, hinders Bible Societies in their work, and in some cases, even burns Protestant translated and printed Scriptures.

Who then can say that your vote for a Roman Catholic president will not contribute toward a suppression of the Bible in Protestant America? Nor should we expect other forms of Evangelical literature, such as books, magazines, and Sunday School papers, to escape the pressure of the Roman thumb.

Will Your Vote for Catholicism Degrade American Morals?

The moral laxity of Roman Catholic controlled countries is quite notorious. Where the Protestant church has consistently taken her stand against gambling, liquor intoxication and sexual immorality, the Roman Catholic Church has often winked at it and in some cases even promoted these sins. The Roman Catholic Church has had no small share in the prosperity of the liquor industries and of various forms of gambling.

Not a few countries in which she is considered the State church derive huge amounts of income from her national lotteries. Bingo is practised unabashedly in her churches here in the U. S. A. wherever State law permits.

It is an admitted fact and verified by statistics, that crime and juvenile delinquency are higher in countries or even communities heavily populated by Roman Catholics — than in similar Protestant areas.

The moral laxity of Catholic clergy and laity is not surprising when one studies the history of the Vatican. The immoral behavior of so many of her 263 popes was certainly not Christian. In the light of the nepotism, heresy, simony, forgery, drunkenness, sexual immorality and outright murders which have spotted the pages of Vatican history, is it little wonder that Rome's followers find it difficult to become too serious about maintaining high moral standards?

It is interesting to note that Romanism's so-called "Apostolic Succession" had at least fifty different periods in which two popes claimed to be the legitimate pope at the same time. In a few cases there were three reigning popes making their claims to papal authority simultaneously.

A devout Catholic's faith in his church's claim of papal infallibility could be rapidly destroyed by the simple reading of Romanism's own history of her popes. On this subject, Mr. Harry Borleis has made a tremendous contribution toward the enlightenment of both Catholics and Protestants in his book entitled, *The Pope Speaks*, published by Christ's Mission. In this

book the author has laboriously compiled a mass of authoritative material from two official Catholic sources, namely: *The Catholic Encyclopedia* and *A Practical Commentary on the Code of Canon Law*.

According to these source books there are many popes listed about whom there is no record of their acts. On the other hand, the recorded behaviour of some of them reads like a juvenile delinquency list. One early pope is described as ignorant and illiterate, another attempted suicide, and yet another worshipped pagan gods. At least five of the popes were guilty of outright murder and several others were themselves excommunicated. Some of these papal dignitaries were claimed as legitimate popes at one time, only to be denounced as antipopes later.

More Questions

Many are the questions which could be asked by the thoughtful student of present-day political trends. Should a Roman Catholic be elected to the presidency of the United States, it would be only natural to be concerned about the freedom of the press and freedom of speech. Mr. C. Stanley Lowell has suggested — would this mean "a daily circus of priests and nuns parading in full regalia in and out of the White House to the accompani-

ment of endless photos on the front pages, the back pages and the middle pages of our newspapers and national magazines?" We have not forgotten the extensive coverage given by the secular press to the death of the ex-pope and the coronation of the present pope.

What about T. V.? Will Chicago's refusal to show the Martin Luther story become a habit? Will the various branches of our Armed Forces be dedicated to man-made Roman Catholic saints? Will our hospitals be built by tax money and controlled by Roman Catholic priests? Will our huge foreign-aid contributions be poured into Roman Catholic coffers in distant lands? Will you have freedom of conscience to worship God after the dictates of your heart, or will you have to worship God after the dictates of Roman Catholics — or else worship behind closed doors?

One need not be a super-sensitive pessimist to ask such questions. One only needs to be an observant realist. Protestants by the thousands are living under these very difficulties in Roman Catholic controlled countries today. They are appalled at our indifference toward the inroads of Catholic power in our country.

(One chapter from the pamphlet, *THE BIG QUESTION—A VATICAN VICTORY IN THE U.S.A.* Five Chapters; 32 pages, 35¢. Order from the author, 600 Fairmont, Glendale 3, Calif.)

The natural man cannot judge anything spiritual by how it may look to him. We have to judge what we see by what God says about what we see. An evangelistic campaign that is sponsored by preachers who believe in the inspiration of the Bible and all the fundamentals of the faith and by preachers who do not believe in the inspiration of the Bible and all the fundamentals of the faith cannot be of God. God makes it plain in His Word that when orthodox, born-again Christians give Christian recognition to people who do not believe in the doctrines of Christ, those orthodox, born-again Christians are partakers of the evil deeds of the antichrist. Never mind how good the movement may look. You cannot judge by appearance. You have to judge by the Word of God. The need of this day is revival of faith in the absolute authority of the Bible, which is the Word of God. —Dr. Bob Jones, Sr.

The Way of Salvation

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Devil sticks out, just as your feet are getting on the "Rock of Ages." Some sermons you have heard arouse you, but then you feel all right when you get on this plank. Six months after, perhaps you are dying, and the Devil comes along when you think you are quite safe. "Ah," he tells you, "that was my work; I made you feel good." And where are you then? Oh, take your stand on God's Word, then you cannot fail. His Word has been tried for six thousand years, and it has not failed.

So I said to the lady, "Have no more to do with feelings; but, like Job say, 'Though he slay me, yet will I trust him.'" She looked at me a few minutes, and then, putting out her hand to take mine, she said, "Mr. Moody, I trust the Lord Jesus Christ to save my soul tonight." Then she went to the elders and said the same words. As she passed out she met one of the church officers, and, shaking his hand, said again, "I trust the Lord Jesus to save my soul."

Next night she was right before me again. I shall never forget her beaming face; the light of eternity was shining in her eyes! She went into the inquiry room. I wondered what she was going there for; but when I got there, I found her with her arms around a lady friend, saying, "It's only to trust Him. I have found it so." From that night she was one of the best workers in the inquiry room, and whenever I met a difficult case, I got her to speak to the person, and she was sure to help the person.

Surely you can trust God. You must have a very poor opinion of God if you cannot trust Him. You have only to come to Him thus—receive Him, trust Him. What more can you do, and what less can you do than trust Him? Is He not worthy of it? Now let us be perfectly still a moment, and while the voice of man is hushed, let us think of one passage of Scripture: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." That is Christ standing at the door of your heart, knocking and He says, "If any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with

me." Will any one pull back the bolts, and say, "Enter, thou welcome, thrice welcome One. Blessed Saviour, come in." God grant that all of us may do this!

(From *Great Gospel Sermons*, Vol. I, Classic. Published by Fleming H. Revell Co.)

Trust Him and Write Today

You have read the above sermon by the immortal D. L. Moody who went to Heaven sixty years ago last December. How simple and plain he makes the Gospel! And you can believe on Him now. Will you receive Christ? Will you trust Him? Will you take Him as your Saviour? Will you not wait for feeling, but simply rely upon Him, depend upon Him this moment to forgive your sins and save your soul? He has promised so clearly to save all who depend upon Him and believe upon Him. I beg you in Jesus' name to decide today.

If you will trust Christ as your own Saviour, will you not write the editor today? First, decide the thing in your own heart honestly, once and for all. Are you willing to turn from your sin and trust Christ to save you? Say yes to Christ in your own heart, then sign the decision form which follows. I will be so glad to hear from you. I will rejoice with you and send you a letter of counsel and comfort. Sign the statement, then copy it in a letter and mail to me at once.

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I would say that our first spiritual responsibility is to loved ones and neighbors. You remember that Jesus told the Gadarene demoniac to go back to his own people and tell them the good news of salvation (Luke 8:39). We are responsible to get the Gospel to the ends of the earth, but our primary responsibility is to our own family and friends. I am more accountable to God for my children than I am for yours. In the same sense you are more responsible to God for your loved ones and neighbors than for anyone else. If they are not saved you are responsible to try and win them. If they are Christians but are not growing spiritually you have some responsibility to get them the spiritual help which they need. One of the best ways that I can think of to help your friends and loved ones find Christ and then grow spiritually is to send them THE SWORD OF THE LORD. I suggest that you prayerfully make a list of your friends and loved ones that God lays on your heart. For a limited time we are offering a six months' trial subscription for only \$1.00. You can send THE SWORD to many of your friends at this rate. I believe you will pray better for your friends and loved ones if you have done what you can do to reach them. I preach better when I have gone out and done personal work and done all that I know to do to get someone saved. Then I feel God is obligated to help specially.

I would suggest that you let

A Good Rule

The rule that governs my life is this: Anything that dims my vision of Christ, or takes away my taste for Bible study, or cramps my prayer life, or makes Christian work difficult, is wrong for me, and I must, as a Christian, turn away from it. This simple rule may help you find a safe standard by which to govern your conduct.

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Healing

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heard of the patience of Job [the patience of Job in great bodily affliction and sickness], and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy."

The Lord is particularly talking about healing here. So let us just face it honestly that "man that is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble" (Job 14:1). And again, "Man is born to trouble as the sparks fly upward" (Job 5:7).

When Adam and Eve ate of the fruit of that forbidden tree in the Garden of Eden, then death passed on all the men in the world. So the curse of sickness is inherited by every human being.

Now keep this in mind when you read about healing in the Bible: we are a fallen race, with a curse on our bodies. So we had as well expect sickness.

The Lord Jesus didn't say that now He would so change human nature to be different, and since Jesus died, then there would be no more sickness and trouble. There will come a time for that, but not yet. There will come a time when there will be no more sin, but not yet. There will come a time when there will be no more of the frailties and the punishment and the curse that results from sin, but not yet. Not until sin is finished and the last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Job had great trouble and cried to God. In due season God healed him but it was not immediately the will of God to heal him. But later Job died.

Count other prophets who suffered affliction. But no matter how great the man of God, eventually he died.

There was Paul, who was closest of all New Testament Christians to the understanding of the will of God and surrendered to the will of God. He died daily and eventually he died literally. Yet Paul had a thorn in the flesh he could not get removed. God had a good reason for it. "And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh" (II Cor. 12:7). Paul besought the Lord earnestly three times, but God told him, "Paul, I want you to keep that thorn. You are better for me. You will have my strength if you keep that thorn." So God teaches here it is often wise for people to be sick.

It isn't always God's will to heal. Sometimes He wants to keep you humble. Other times He wants you to learn some sense. Sometimes He wants you to repent of your sins. And again He wants to show that the Lord is pitiful and of tender mercy, and He can be near in time of trouble. Often it is better to be sick and have God prove His care than to be well and miss God's comfort and care.

Paul wrote Timothy in I Timothy 5:23, "Timothy, use a little wine for thy stomach's sake . . ." Wine was evidently fruit juice. It could be fermented juice but not necessarily so. Let's say fruit juice and vitamins. "Use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities."

Paul, why don't you just pray for Timothy and he will not be sick any more? Well, that isn't God's plan. Timothy often had infirmities and so he needed to guard himself and watch his diet, the proper and right way to deal with his health. God did not intend bodily perfection in this world. It was not true about Timothy.

Then Paul wrote in II Timothy 4:20, "Trophimus have I left at Miletum sick." Left him sick? Why didn't you heal him, Paul? It is not always God's will to heal the sick. Sometimes it is God's will for a Christian to suffer and for a season to glorify God in sickness.

The Seed

It is not given us to know
How much of all the seed we sow
Quietly takes root and thrives,
Bearing fruit in other lives.

How this kindles in my heart
The wonder of my little part
In God's great plan . . . O may I be
A careful planter, Lord, for Thee!
—S. S. Times

Healing in the Atonement Along With Resurrection Bodies But Not for the Present

Somebody asks, "Wasn't healing in the atonement?" Yes, I think so. In the same sense that completes our resurrection body and all the perfection of the resurrection body is in the atonement. But we have not yet entered into all of that.

We learn in Romans the eighth chapter that the whole creation groans together in pain in travail, "waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body" (vs. 23). One of these days the curse of sin will be removed from this body and one day there will be no more gray hair, no more bones that are too calcified, no more halting in the step, no more weakness in the eyes and need for glasses.

One day, thank God, all that Jesus paid for will be given to us. Though it is now paid for and it is our inheritance, it is not yet our possession. Perfection and perfect health in the body are not yet ours. It is in the atoning blood and thank God it is coming, just like the resurrection body of which it is a part, but it isn't ours yet. God can heal the sick and it is often His will to do so, but not always.

That means, then, that all healing now is temporary and relative. I am going to speak in a moment on the very clear, blessed teaching that God heals the sick, but I want you to know that when God heals the sick it is still only temporary; you will get sick again.

God raised Lazarus from the dead, but he died again. Jesus put His hands on many and healed them when He was here in the flesh, but they died again; they are not still living. You remember the widow's son at Nain. Jesus looked and had compassion on that brokenhearted widow and raised the boy from the dead and gave him to his mother's arms. But there came a time when the mother died and the boy died, too. I am just saying that all healing now is temporary and only relative.

False Doctrine Often Taught By "Divine Healers"

Oh, somebody said, "I am perfectly well." No, you may not be. You have a filling in some tooth or you have dandruff, or you have a sore toe, or you have something else the matter with you. You are not perfectly well. Perhaps you can't eat onions or something else—you taste them all day. You

are not perfectly well. All health is relative now but one good day, bless God, when we are made in the perfect likeness of Jesus Christ there will be the perfect healing which we cannot have now.

Now I ought to say also, there is a great deal of false doctrine about healing. Is it wrong to have doctors and medicine? The Bible doesn't say so. God made medicine. God made the kind of food that is good for us. And God provided the vitamins that are good for us. And so it is not wrong to take medicine, neither is it wrong to have doctors. It is wrong to put doctors before God. It is right to call on God before you call on the doctors. It is right to give God the credit when you get well. But God uses human means to save souls, to help the poor, to get out the Gospel, and God uses human means to heal the body, too. So it is not wrong to have doctors and medicines.

People sometimes say it is always the will of God to heal the sick. They say one ought never pray, "If it be Thy will, heal me." But they speak presumptuously when they say that, for the Bible says nothing of the kind.

I knew a man who taught widely that it was always the will of God to heal the sick. But it turned out that later he had great sickness and spent much time in the hospital.

I knew a woman preacher who

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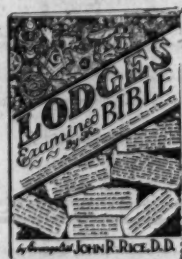
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Clues Across

- 1, 8 "Hezekiah received the letter of the hand of the messengers"
- 4, 32 "the _____ of the Lord of _____ shall do this"
- 8 see 1 across
- 11 "Hezekiah received the letter of the hand of the messengers, and _____ it"
- 13 "Who _____ meted out heaven with the _____, and comprehended the dust?" Isa. 40
- 15 "he shall be a vessel _____ meet for the master's _____" II Tim. 2
- 16 "My lips shall _____ praise, when thou hast taught me" Ps. 119
- 18 "the _____ of the Lord went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians"
- 20 "they were no gods, but _____ work of men's hands"
- 21 "that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the _____ God"
- 23 "Have the gods _____ the nations delivered them?"
- 24 "have _____ cast their gods into the fire: for they were _____ gods"
- 26 contraction for "it is"
- 28 a son of Bani (Ezra 10:34)
- 30 father of Naum (Luke 3:25)
- 32 see 4 across
- 33 "he _____ hear a rumour, and shall return to his own land"
- 36 an altar (Josh. 22:34)
- 37 the Greek I; smallest letter of the alphabet, and so anything very small
- 38 initials of the grandfather and father of Moses (Exod. 6:18, 20)
- 39 "Speak, ye that ride on white _____" Judg. 5
- 42 to coagulate
- 44 "they were _____ as the grass _____ the house tops"
- 45 "Thus saith _____, This day is a day of trouble"
- 47 "Manasseh seduced them to _____ more evil than did the nations" II Kings 21
- 48 "_____ is the word that the Lord hath spoken concerning him"
- 50 "He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his _____ against me" John 13
- 52 a mountain where Balaam blessed the Israelites (Num. 23:28)
- 54 "Lord, bow down thine ear, and _____"
- 55 "I will enter into the _____ of his borders"

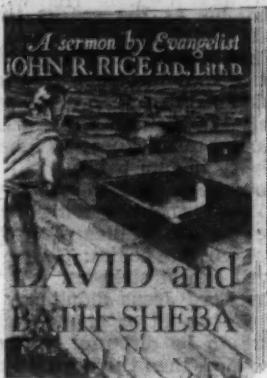
Clues Down

- 1 "Of a _____, Lord, the kings of Assyria have destroyed the nations"
- 2 "I am weary of my life because _____ of the daughters of _____" Gen. 27

- 3 "The zeal of thine house hath _____ me up" John 2
- 5 initials of the second and third judges of Israel (Judg. 3:15, 31)
- 6 "the land shall mourn, every family _____" Zech. 12
- 7 "thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all _____"
- 9 "I am not come to destroy, but to _____" Matt. 5
- 10 "That which thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria I have _____"
- 12 initials of king of Babylon who hastened rebuilding of Jerusalem after captivity and scribe who led the people (Ezra 6:12; 7:6)
- 14 initials of Syrian healed by Elisha, and Elisha's servant (II Kings 5:20)
- 17 initials of the two wives of Jacob (Gen. 29:24, 28)
- 19 initials of two O.T. prophets who witnessed to kings (I Kings 21:17, 18; II Chron. 15:8)
- 22 "to give unto them beauty for ashes, the _____ of joy for mourning" Isa. 61
- 25 "But I know thy abode, and thy going _____"
- 27 "Have the _____ of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed?"
- 29 same as 5 down
- 30 "Ye shall _____ this year such things as grow of themselves"
- 31 "The Lord is not _____ concerning his promise, as some men count slackness" II Pet. 3
- 32 "it came to pass, when king Hezekiah _____ it, that he rent his clothes"
- 33 "I am come up to the height of the mountains, to the _____ of Lebanon"
- 34 "_____ every one that thirsteth" Isa. 55
- 35 "which my _____ have destroyed; as Gozan, and Haran, and Rezep"
- 38 "_____ and the Assyrians with them: all of them desirable young men" Ezek. 23
- 40 "_____ Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned"
- 41 "I will _____ into the lodgings of his borders"
- 43 "he took it down, and wrapped it in _____ and laid it in a sepulchre" Luke 23
- 45 "Who shall ascend into the _____ of the Lord?" Ps. 24
- 46 father of Elmodam (Luke 3:28)
- 49 "as _____ was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god" exclamation of anticipation (Job 39:25)
- 51 name of an altar (Josh. 22:34)
- 52 ratio of circumference of circle to diameter
- 53 king of Bashan (Num. 32:33)

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puzzle fan, and it is the kind that "hurts" even an organization as large as The Sword of the Lord.

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God bless you, dear puzzle fans!

Healing

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preached on healing, and said it was always God's will to heal the sick. But her song leader wore eye glasses, and later she was sick, too.

I am saying it is not always God's will to heal the sick, and any time you put false doctrine in with it, then the healing business is sinful and hurtful instead of helpful.

Deception and Sinful Fraud Often Go With "Divine Healing" Services

That isn't all. When one sets out to say it is always the will of God to heal the sick, if he is going to have a healing service then he will pick out those who have the heart burn, or they say they just know they have cancer because they feel bad. He will take the cases that there is no way to prove, not the fellow with an eye out, or a leg cut off. A great deal of fraud and hypocrisy go with the so-called healing movement. And that is because men claim more than God promises, and they can't deliver.

Several years ago I was in a revival campaign in Clarksburg, West Virginia. There had been a woman healing evangelist there in the great city auditorium before me. One day one of the good men helping me was over in a neighboring town and the face of the waitress in the cafe who waited on him was so familiar. He said, "I have seen you before. Where was it? Oh yes," he remembered, "you came forward and were healed the other day in the meeting held by Sister So and So."

"Yes," she said, "I got five dollars for that." She was a waitress, and they got her from a neighboring town and gave her five dollars to come forward and be publicly "healed" but she went back home with no more than she had before. I am saying, any time you claim more than you can deliver or more than God promises to deliver, then you have to cheat and deceive.

It is unfortunately true that many a person dies depending on a "healer's" word, who could be

helped by some remedy that God provided. If he had diabetes, God provides insulin; if he had some other sickness, God has a specific remedy for that in many cases.

But sometimes, instead of taking that human means which God provided, people insist that God heal without any human means and they often die and bring discredit on Christ and weaken the faith of many. It is a sad thing that we should ever teach anybody that they can arbitrarily twist God's arm and get what they want, whether it is right or not. That isn't true.

Sin brings sickness and there is sickness in the human body, and as long as we are in this flesh, we are going to be subject to sickness.

Down in Chattanooga, Tennessee, a man says fever made his hair come out. He lost his hair. He advertises, "If you didn't lose yours by fever, I can grow hair." Well, I wouldn't have a fellow trying to grow my hair who is bald-headed himself! Frail "healers" who themselves get sick and die cannot be trusted to guarantee healing for others.

The plain truth is that some people are going to be bald-headed until the rapture. Some people will wear glasses until the rapture. Others will have to watch their diet and eat sensibly until Jesus comes, or they will have heart trouble and other ailments that come from being too fat. Sickness and affliction are the part of sinful men and are often the will of God. They often do great good and can be for the glory of God if we let sickness have its perfect work. So the Lord said, "Remember the patience of Job and the end of the Lord is pitiful and of tender mercy" and remember the prophets who suffered affliction.

But the Compassionate Heart of Christ Loves to Heal

Yet the Christian is invited to pray in the matter of sickness. And that is wonderful and good. You know why we are invited to pray? The Lord says, "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him" (James 5:14, 15).

Well, first of all, it is often the will of God to heal the sick. I will say more than that: it is usually the will of God to heal the sick. Now I can prove that very easily. How many here were ever sick, then got well? Hold your hand up high. All right, how many here were ever sick and died? Let us see your hands! Then it is evidently the will of God to heal the sick. The Bible gives blessed encouragement about prayer for healing.

"Brother Rice, were not the healings in the Bible to prove the deity of Christ?" you ask. No, they were not. The Bible plainly says that the one thing on which the deity of Christ is to be based is His resurrection from the dead. Jesus said, "There shall no sign

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be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth" (Matt. 12:39, 40). The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the proof of His deity.

In Romans 1:4 we read, "And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead." The resurrection is the proof of Christ's deity. What were healings for then? Look at Matthew 14:14, "And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick." He had compassion on them, and healed their sick.

In John 11:33 we find that Jesus looked at weeping Mary and troubled Martha as they stood by the grave of Lazarus, four days in the grave, and Jesus wept. He knew He was going to raise Lazarus from the dead, but He had a tender heart of compassion.

When Jesus stood by the widow of Nain, the Scripture says He had compassion on her, stopped the funeral procession and raised her young son back to life again. Jesus has compassion.

When Jesus came down from the Mount of Transfiguration, a man who had an afflicted boy, a boy devil-possessed with dumb spirits which often threw the boy in the fire, came to Jesus when the disciples couldn't heal him. "If thou canst do anything, have compassion on us and heal him." And Jesus healed him. You know Jesus had compassion.

Some people think Jesus healed people then for dispensational reasons, but will not heal now. Isn't it strange that we want some dispensational answer to the problem instead of the great loving heart of the Saviour? Jesus cares for people in trouble.

The Wonderful Promises of the Bible Would Certainly Encourage Prayer for the Sick

No wonder we pray for the sick. If sickness were not even mentioned in the Bible, how many times we are taught to ask for what we need.

"What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them" (Mark 11:24). If you desire healing, then it is included here. Again, "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee" (Ps. 55:22).

How many times the Bible teaches, "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God" (Phil 4:6).

You see, if the Bible never mentioned sickness, yet it says enough about praying in trouble, about praying for all you need and praying for what you want, that anybody who believes the Bible would be encouraged to pray. Yes, pray for the sick.

Notice, then, that we are to pray as individuals. "Is any among you afflicted? let him pray." That is, the first thing to do is to pray. Pray for yourself, pray for your family.

It would be a mighty good thing if before you ever called a doctor or before you ever take the medicine that you call on God and ask for wisdom and guidance. That is the normal, proper thing. We are not only invited but commanded. A Christian is to pray when in trouble, pray when he is sick.

When Jessie, who sang sweetly this morning with Joanna, was a little girl we were down at my sister's for Christmas. Christmas-time down south they shoot firecrackers, and we had a bunch of little firecrackers for the children. They would set the firecracker to a coal of fire, then throw the little firecracker. Jessie held one too long, only a tiny little firecracker but it went off and hurt her hand. She came running and crying to me and said, "Daddy, pray! Daddy, pray!" I kissed her finger and prayed, and she said, "It is well, Daddy! It is well."

The proper, normal thing for people in trouble is to pray. That is right.

And the Lord doesn't say that in vain. He says because He knows all your cares and it burdens His heart and He has a loving compassion for people in trouble.

I feel that is a sad thing for a preacher when his message is all skeleton and no meat, when it is all outline and no blessed heart moving, when it is all theological and nothing of compassion and love. You will never understand God on the matter of healing until you are in trouble and because you are in trouble. Maybe you will see your own baby, your own child sick or somebody else very dear to you and you can't do anything but pray—then you will know how God feels about people in trouble. Oh, the compassion of the Lord!

So you are to pray for yourself, pray for your family.

Thank God, He Has Healed My Own in Answer to Prayer

I am not talking about something I don't know about. I am not giving just theory. I remember how I prayed when I was fifteen, after the doctor had said my dad wouldn't live till morning. Gertrude prayed too, and my stepmother, and how the next morning Dad got up and said, "I want my pants!" For the first time in days he was conscious. He dressed, then he rested a little bit, but the sickness was over. The doctor had said he couldn't live till morning.

We prayed when Grace had diphtheria and a fever of 105. The house was quarantined and Mrs. Rice and I knelt by the bed and prayed. I prayed and she prayed; I prayed and she prayed; I prayed and she prayed. I finally said, "I believe God heard."

That day the fever left and the next day when the nurse came for tests she said, "This child doesn't have diphtheria."

I said, "I know she doesn't, but she did have yesterday."

Thank God, not once but many times I have seen God miraculously, wonderfully heal the sick. I don't say it is always the will of God, but I say we sin when we do not give God a chance in loving compassion to do what He wants to do and what He often would be honored in doing, in healing people who are sick. "Is any among you afflicted? let him pray" (James 5:13).

Those in Your Own Church Should Pray for Their Sick, Not Strangers

Then we ought to take an interest in the sick in our churches. I do not believe in a public healing service. I think there is often a great deal of fraud in them. I think it breaks down lots of people's faith. A lot of people then will mock over what seems to be an obvious fraud. The public healing service usually mixes up sound doctrine and doesn't do people good. I do not believe in what is the customary healing service, but I think it is right to call for your pastor and call for the friends to pray.

Somebody writes me and says, "Brother Rice, I see that you have faith and so I want you to pray the prayer of faith for So and So." They read my book on *Prayer*. And I have to write back and say, "I didn't write the book to show how much a man of faith I am. I was showing how God wants to answer prayer." Faith is not something that you have arbitrarily, where you can just give the orders and God has to do it whether it is right or not. God gives faith in answer to prayer and in answer to reliance on His Word, when it is the will of God. But we ought to pray more especially for those we know and love.

I hardly know how to pray for people I don't know. Many people write and say, "Will you pray for my son who is sick?" I ask God to do whatever He thinks best because I do not know what is His will; I don't know the case. I have no evidence on which I can base my prayers except to ask God in His mercy to do what is right and good. But about our own loved ones that I know I can pray, "God, do this and work out what is Your will." And I can help then to find the will of God and get the blessing God means by the sickness as well to help them to trust the Lord for healing. We ought to pray for each other and

we ought to call for the elders of the church.

"The Prayer of Faith Shall Save the Sick"

What about the anointing with oil? Oil is only a symbol, but is still all right. I have often used oil. However, I have always explained, because other people use it with the claim for themselves of some power or some gift that I do not claim. I say this: at best the oil is simply the symbol of the Holy Spirit who lives in the body of a Christian. He can heal and if it is His will, He will. And to help our faith sometimes it is wise to do simply what God says—to anoint with oil. But it is the prayer of faith, not the oil, which heals. It is not oil as a medicine; it is only a help to faith. But the prayer of faith shall heal the sick.

Don't misunderstand. If God doesn't give faith, you won't have faith. God never gives faith to do wrong. You never find a case in the Bible where anybody had faith to get a thing that is against the will of God. You might have gotten it by some shenanigan but God didn't give it in answer to the prayer of faith when it was against the will of God. So faith is a gift of God, and one who wants the blessing of God in healing should take his burden to the Lord and ask God to show him and help him find faith for what is the will of God.

And if God shows, either by His Word or by some sweet leading of the Spirit of God that you know is the will of God and you know God will be honored and pleased, then go ahead and pray and insist on it because if God gives the faith, God will give the healing. If God does not give faith, don't fight God. Don't try to get things against the will of God, but ask God in loving mercy to have compassion and help you trust Him. And if He encourages you to pray, then be bold in your praying. But faith comes from God. "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick" (James 5:15). And we are encouraged that in many cases God would give faith if we waited on Him and in many cases the difficulty would be removed if we prayed. "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick."

To Pray for Healing When God Gives Faith for Healing Honors God

Notice also here that God is greatly honored in healing. I am thinking this morning about my own ministry. In recent years I have not been active principally in the pastorate. This church is a new church, and I am not much of a pastor. I am not here very much. But how I thank God for all the remarkable, amazing healings in answer to prayer in other years. Oh, how could I be faithful, how could I stand fast and know I am right when the world turns against me and people think I am a nut and a crank and a Pharisee, cantankerous and jealous—I am only using some of the terms so widely published about me—if God did not answer? I thank God I have found there is a living God who reaches out His hands and does what men cannot do and miraculously touches. Not only by heresy, not only in the Bible, but in my home and with people upon whose heads I put my hands and pray, God has miraculously worked and so I know there is a living God.

And so God is often honored when we trust Him. Some people will never be the same after God wonderfully reaches down and does for them what the doctor said couldn't be done and what there wasn't any human possibility of. God is wonderfully honored when we let Him answer prayer in anything, and often in the healing of the body. It is a good way for God to show His power.

Is anybody in trouble? Pray! Any afflicted? Let him pray. If you need help, call the elders of the church! Yes, and pray.

And then there is more than that. He said, "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another" (James 5:16). When we often pray it ought to be a daily matter: "Lord, bless So and So who is sick. Lord, work Your plan in their lives. If there is something to teach them, Lord, teach them. If there is some

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Healing

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reproof necessary, O Lord, show them what it is. But, Lord, heal." We ought to regularly pray for our loved ones and pray for our friends. "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed" (James 5:16).

Healing Often Waits on Confessing and Forsaking of Sin

More than that, sin and confession of sin enter into the healing picture. The Scripture says here, "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another." Confess your faults. Do you want healing? So often sin is the reason for sickness. That is what the Lord plainly says in I Corinthians 11:30, "For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep"—because of sin in the church, getting drunk at the Lord's Supper, and division and strife and putting up with a man living in adultery with his stepmother. A good many had already died. "For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged" (I Cor. 11:31).

How are you going to judge yourself? Pass on your sins. You say, "That is sin; I am going to brand it that. I will call God's attention to it and tell God I am on His side. He is against sin and I am, too. I will judge myself." "But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world" (I Cor. 11:32).

God can't let sin get by and God can't let a child of God go to Hell. What is He going to do? Chasten him here and now! Every son whom He receiveth He chasteneth. If you are not chastened then you are not like sons, but like bastards, and the Father takes no responsibility for you (Heb. 12:6-8). If God can't let you go to Hell and He can't let sin get by, then God must chasten a child who doesn't judge his own sins. Wherefore, my brethren, judge yourselves. "For this cause many are weak and sickly."

Back in James the Scripture says, "Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him" (vss. 14, 15).

If anybody here goes to pray for the sick, be sure to pray on the sin question.

In Fort Worth, Texas, I was asked to see a woman dying with T.B. She had been two years in Curryville, at the state T. B. sanatorium and given up to die. Her husband had already sold the home on the provision that it could be occupied as soon as his wife died. The two boys had already been given away to kinfolks with the understanding that they would come as soon as the wife died. The doctors had said, "Would you rather die here in the T. B. sanatorium or go home to die with your husband and boys?" She said, "I would rather go home." So they sent her home to die.

But God sent me to her home to pray. I said, "If I pray for you, will you search your heart and if there is any sin that God calls to mind, confess it and forsake it?" She could only whisper, "Yes, I will."

"If He heals you, will you tell it to the glory of God?"

"Yes, I will."

I put my hand upon her head and prayed and put on olive oil as a sign to increase our faith, as an expression of faith. Then I went away. God wonderfully raised her up. In two weeks she was up and then when I saw her again she had gained forty pounds and was doing all her housework.

I saw her four years later, perfectly well. Twenty years later I had a letter from her. She is a buyer still in a department store in Greenville, Texas. This summer a woman came to see me when I was in Fort Worth and said, "That woman and I made a trip this summer to see her two sons and she is still well, with no return of T. B. She has had good health."

She had said, "If God shows me any sin, I will confess it and forsake it." So a Christian ought

to feel about sickness. And when you go to pray about sick people, pray that God will show what is wrong. So often sickness is because of sin.

Dr. Charles Blanchard, the second president of Wheaton College, in his book, *Getting Things From God*, said that once his wife, a medical doctor, was sick. It was a lingering illness. They almost despaired of her life. They didn't know what to do. Finally as he searched his heart Dr. Blanchard found a certain thing about which he had sinned. I do not know what it was—a certain matter about which he had had a wrong attitude. Perhaps it was toward his wife, I don't know. At any rate, heart-broken he knelt before God and confessed and renounced that sin; then when he prayed for his wife God seemed to welcome him and immediately his wife was better and soon recovered. The doctors didn't know how it could have been. I am just saying that sin confessed and forsaken makes it so God can do what He wants to do about healing of the sick.

All right then, let us confess our sins one to another and pray for one for another that we may be healed.

Persistence in Prayer Honors God, Expresses Faith

I know old age comes on; I

know that certain infirmities are the lot of mankind; I know it isn't always God's will to heal the sick, but most Christians could live a happy, joyful life of daily help for what we need, not only in money, in groceries, in buildings, in friends; not only in the spiritual matters of the Lord's work and spiritual prosperity, but in our health, with a constant sense of God's care. Don't you know that the Lord Jesus, who looks on a sparrow and has compassion, cares for you? Don't you know the Lord Jesus, who has a record of every hair of your head and has them all counted and a card index kept in Heaven, cares enough to know whether you are sick and whether you are well, and that He wants to help?

I beseech you, my people, learn to call on the Lord in trouble, in affliction, in sickness, and pray.

Now He said, "Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain" (James 5:17, 18). Elijah is a model in this case for persistence in prayer.

God specially teaches persistence in prayer about healing the sick, too. The widow where Elijah stayed at Zarephath had a boy who died. He took him

up into the loft, put him on his bed, prayed for him and held on and would not let God go until God healed him. (I Kings 17:17-24). James 5:17 says he prayed earnestly that it might not rain. And he just "prayed again" and it rained. He prayed again—but that simple statement means seven times and sent his servant to see if there were any clouds. No, not a cloud. After a while his servant came back and said there was a cloud the size of a man's hand. Elijah said, "Go tell Ahab to get started. There is going to be a muddy road." And he ran before him. But he prayed then seven times. But before, we are told that he prayed earnestly. Oh, how much harder he prayed before, than the sevenfold pleading for rain!

Oh, the compassion, the pleading, the prevailing in prayer! So if there is any sick, keep on praying. I don't mean to pray against the will of God. If God shows you the thorn in the flesh is good, quit fighting God and rejoice in your infirmity, as did Paul. But if God encourages you to pray, then pray boldly. "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." I trust God will speak to our hearts and help us today to learn to pray.

Let us bow just a moment. I

wonder how many here have some burden on your heart. Maybe it is your own bodily health. Maybe it is your children's health. Maybe it is somebody dear to you. All right, let us pray.

But that isn't all. There are other things more important than health. Maybe a lost loved one. Oh, "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16). Confess your sins and clean them out of the way, then pray.

How many have among their loved ones some bodily ailment about which you want to pray? Let's see your hand.

How many have something maybe worse than a bodily ailment? A loved one unsaved or a home divided or some great need? Now what are you going to do? Pray to a God of compassion! Call on the Saviour who wept at the grave of Lazarus and who had compassion on the multitude and healed their sick! Call on Him!

(Prayer: Our Heavenly Father, come speak to our hearts in power today and teach Thy people to pray. Is any afflicted? Let him pray. Oh, teach us, dear Lord, to come in boldness, surrendered to the will of God but insistent and prevailing in prayer. For Jesus' sake. Amen.)

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